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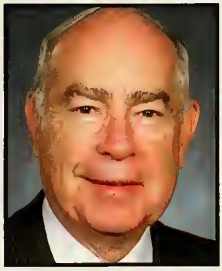
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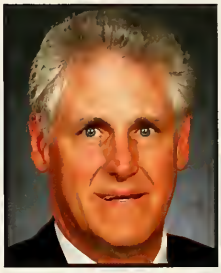
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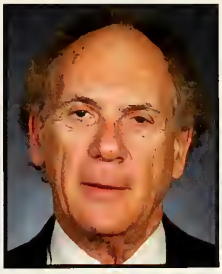
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June 2009

Dear Class of 2009:

The entire Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) community joins me in extending heartfelt congratulations to you - PCOM's 118th osteopathic medical graduating class. It has been a great privilege walking life's journey with you, and no words can adequately describe the pride we feel in your extraordinary accomplishments.

Your osteopathic medical education will enable you to heal, and in so doing will provide you with the greatest gift human existence has to offer - the knowledge that the lives of others have been made brighter by virtue of your presence in them. As you touch mind, body, and spirit to promote healing in others, I hope that your life will be filled with joy and purpose.

Please know that you will always be part of the PCOM Family. We hope you will stay in touch and look forward to sharing many successes with you in the years ahead. Each of these successes will add to the venerable 110 year old record of achievement in fulfilling PCOM's teaching, research and service missions. With each new success, you will create new opportunities for the wonderful PCOM students who succeed you.

We wish you all the best, always.

With warmest regards,

Matthew Schure, Ph.D.
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Dear Colleagues:

Each of you has changed over the past four years and you are no longer the person you were a few years ago when you entered the halls of PCOM as a first year student.

The first week on campus you collectively wrote the Class of 2009 Vision Statement. In that Statement you stated that you "believe that your career is a journey and not a destination". You pledged to respect yourselves, respect and value your relationships with others and be committed to the pursuit of life-long learning and teaching. Take the time to occasionally review your Vision Statement and make sure you are living up to the standards and goals you set four years ago for by doing so, may you continue to change and not be the same person you are at this point in your career.

As each class leaves PCOM, I charge it with the challenge that each of you is to serve your patients well, for they have entrusted their well being to your care. You are to help them become stronger, prevail through illness and be determined to overcome their infirmities. They are your fellow mankind. They are your fellow citizens.

As a member of the PCOM family, you are always welcomed back. I hope that you nurture the relationships you have developed with classmates over the last few years, for they will serve you and sustain you in the future as you continue on your journey. We wish you all the best life holds for you.

Be well and be happy!

Fraternally,

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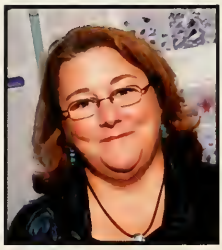
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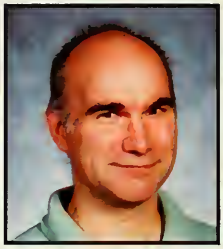
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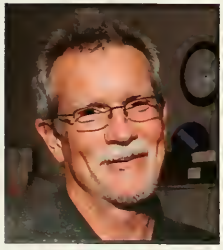
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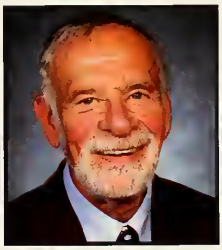
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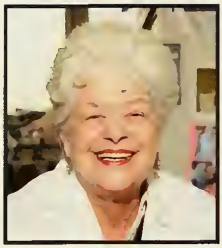
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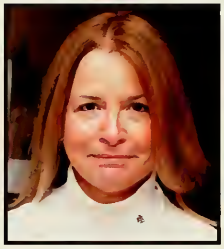
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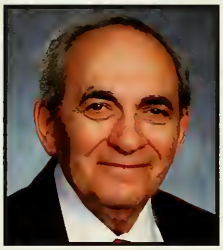
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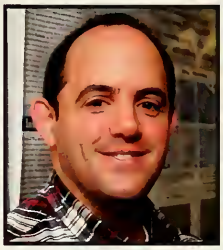
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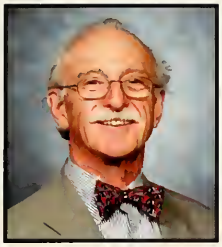
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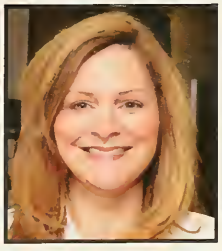
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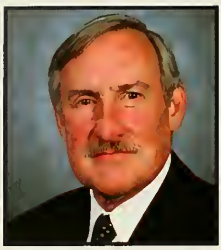
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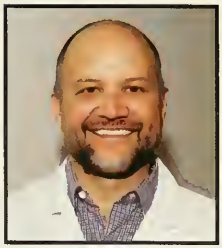
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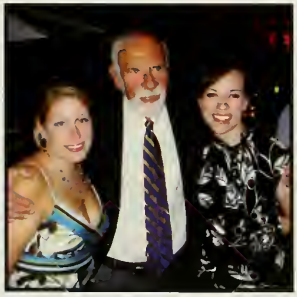
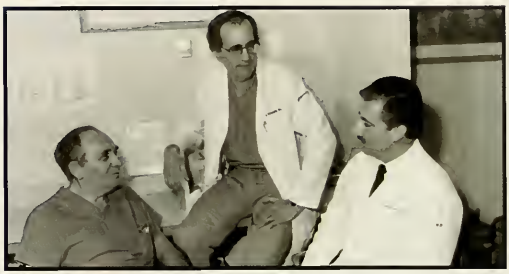
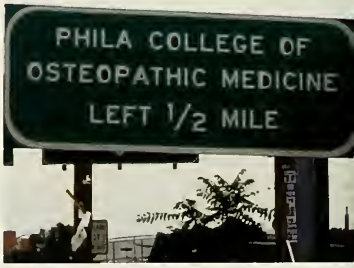




Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment

As members of the osteopathic medical profession, in an effort to instill loyalty and strengthen the profession, we recall the tenets on which this profession is founded – the dynamic interaction of mind, body and spirit; the body's ability to heal itself; the primary role of the musculoskeletal system; and preventive medicine as the key to maintain health.

I pledge to:
- Provide compassionate, quality care to my patients;
- Partner with them to promote health;
- Display integrity and professionalism throughout my career;
- Advance the philosophy, practice and science of osteopathic medicine;
- Continue life-long learning;
- Support my profession with loyalty in action, word and deed; and
- Live each day as an example of what an osteopathic physician should be.



Class of 2009 Vision Statement

We, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2009, believe that our career is a journey and not a destination. We stand ready to commit to a life of professionalism, which we define as respect for ourselves, our colleagues, our families, our patients, the community, continuous learning and the role of the physician.

We pledge to respect ourselves by cultivating healthy minds, bodies, and spirits. To become positive role models, we will maintain a personal balance of humility, altruism, integrity, and open-mindedness.

We respect and value our relationships with others because we impact their health and well being as much as they impact ours.

We are committed to the vigorous pursuit of life-long learning and teaching to enhance our ability to serve.

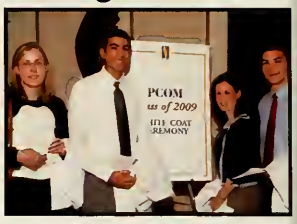
We respect and appreciate all members of the health care team and recognize that we share common goals. To maintain a positive environment among our colleagues, we pledge cooperation, loyalty, camaraderie, and compassion.

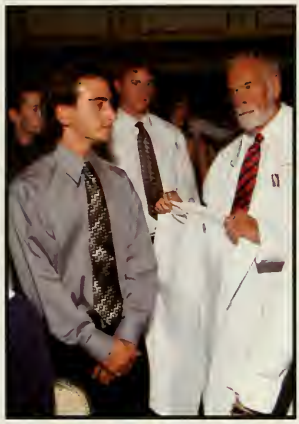
With respect for their experience and culture, we view patients not as diseases or procedures but as unique individuals. We maintain reverent appreciation for the dignity of the human body throughout all stages of life and after death. We vow to be advocates for our patients in every capacity in which we might serve them.

We respect and take pride in the osteopathic profession and will strive to mentor future generations. We will collaborate with our colleagues because we acknowledge the limits of our capabilities. We recognize our role as leaders and will work to uphold our responsibilities to society.

With these noble aspirations, a passion for medicine and a commitment to professional behavior, we enthusiastically seek the joy of the journey.

White Coat Ceremony





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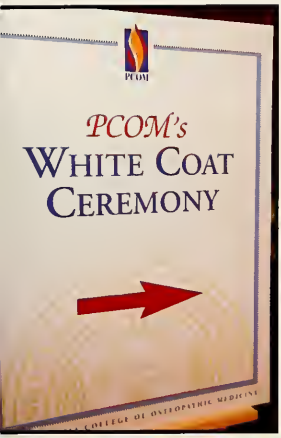
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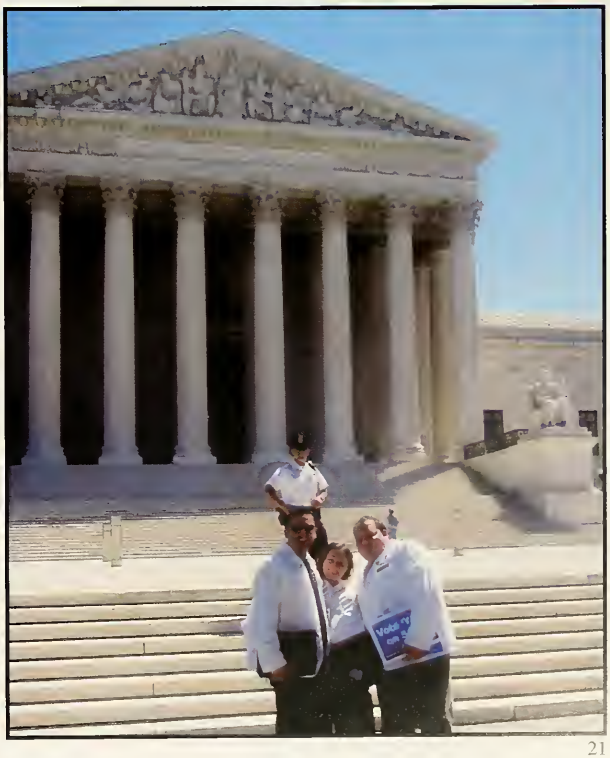

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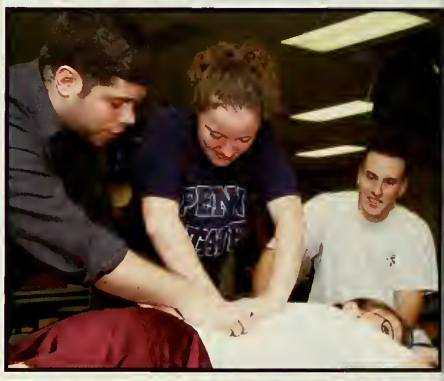

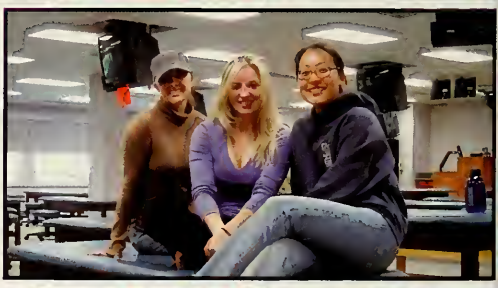

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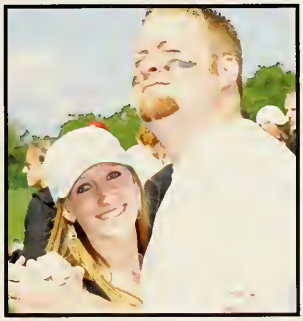

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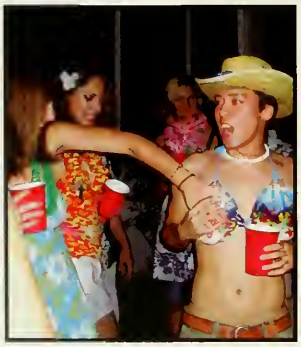

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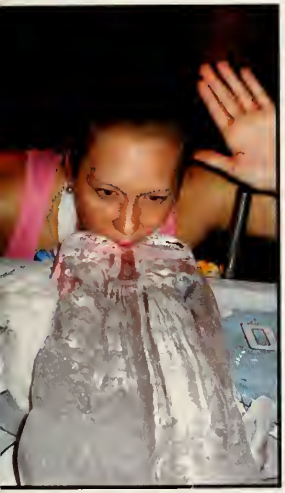

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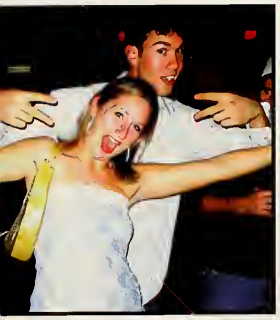

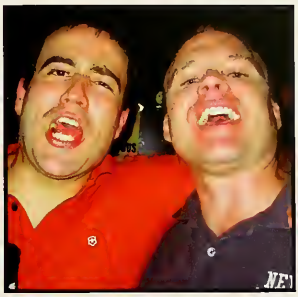

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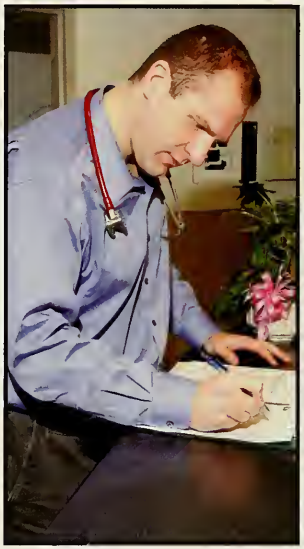

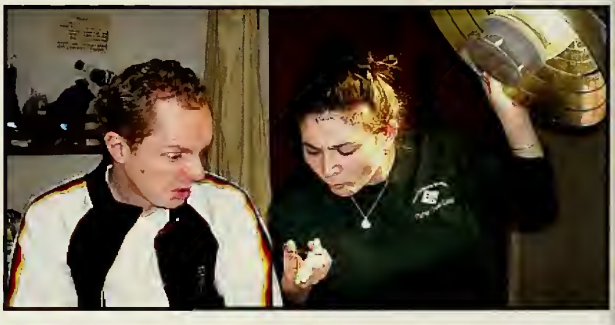

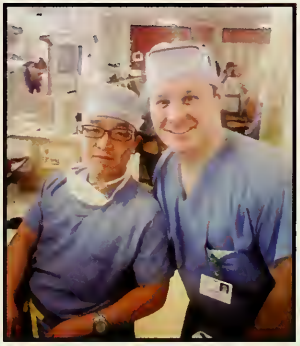

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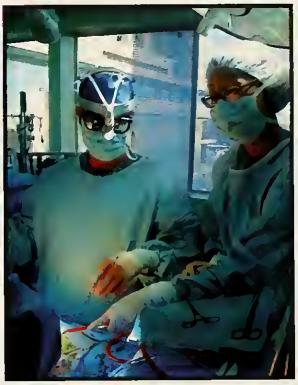

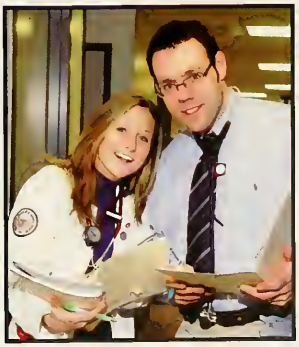

Clinical Rotation Groups

Organizations

National Organizations
- American College of Osteopathic Family
- American Holistic Medicine Association
- American Medical Association
- American Medical Student Association
- American Medical Women's Association
- American Osteopathic Association of Sports Medicine
- Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons
- Christian Medical Association
- Kappa Sigma Phi Women's Osteopathic Society
- Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender People in Medicine
- National Latino Health Organization
- Phi Sigma Gamma Fraternity
- Physicians for Human Rights
- Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Sigma Sigma Phi Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity
- Student National Medical Association
- Student Osteopathic Medical Association
- Undergraduate American Academy of Osteopathy

Professional Organizations
- Anesthesiology Club
- American Osteopathic College of Pathologists
- Biomedical Sciences Club
- Business in Medicine
- Clinical Neuroscience Society
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine Club
- Genetics in Medicine
- Internal Medicine Club
- Jewish Medical Association
- Medical Students for Choice
- Nutrition in Medicine
- OB/GYN Club
- Oncology Club
- Ophthalmology Club
- Pathology Club
- Physician Assistant Club
- Psychiatry Club
- Psychology Club
- Radiology Club
- Robert Berger, D.O. Pediatrics Society
- Surgery Club

General Interest Organizations
- A Capella
- Basketball
- Deck Hockey
- Flag Football
- Men's Rugby
- Nutrition in Medicine Club
- PCOM East
- Runner's Club
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Wilderness Medicine Club

Student Government Association

SGA Officers

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President - Scott Feitell, D.O.
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Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter. I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it may be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

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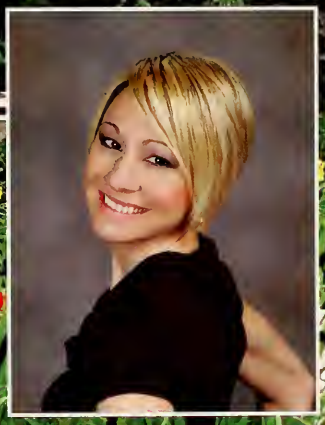

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I thank the almighty God for making all these possible. I thank PCOM for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my life-long dream. I thank my loving husband for his understanding and support. I thank my children Eno-obong, Edidiong and Idara, for understanding that mom had to be away. I thank my parents, especially my mom, for her support and sacrifice, caring for the children while I was studying. I thank my sister, Eno-obong for her unceasing prayers. I thank uncle Eyibio and his family for their support and thoughtful advice, also Steven and Sola. I thank my friends Utibe, Nnenna, Uzezi and Akwa Ibom women for their support. I thank Gretchen and her family for being there for me. I thank the Cross Roads community for their support and unending prayers. I especially thank my friends at PCOM including Nneka, Loliya, Mercy, Selasi, Millicent, Marrie, Moji, Melissa, and others. "You ladies and guys made my stay at PCOM meaningful". I appreciate your love, concern and above all your prayers. May the lord continue to bless you all.

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MOM: You are my strength, my rock, my everything. I could not have done this without you. Your unyielding support and sacrifices are greater than anything I could ever achieve. I love you always!

DAD: Your Baby Girls' all grown up, Love you!

My Family: M.I.A. (missing in action) has another meaning: Mission Is Accomplished and I owe it all to you.

Friends: Wow what a ride and thanks for not getting off. Thanks for your patience, honesty, listening ears, a place to lay my head, keeping me grounded and for putting up with me all these years. Dinners' finally on me!

Nea: Girl the library wouldn't have been the same without you. **Marsha:** My Big Sis. **MO-** … 2-1-1-3, **A TEAM:** Selase and Olu, My brothers from another, **MAMA B** Thank you all.

To others who've mentored, fed, housed, financed, and prayed, my sincere thanks!

To the Class: Congratulations!

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, BUT RATHER to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, and martini in the other, totally worn out and screaming 'WOO HOO' what a ride!" -Author Unknown

Jovan Adams D.O.

Taimur Akram, D.O.

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"Knowledge is Power" - This holds especially true in medicine

Brandon & Elenee Raudenbush: It's been great knowing you guys. Brandon, thanks for being there, from anatomy lab to boards advice to rotations. Best of luck as you begin your orthopedics residency. I know you will do great!

Joshua Danley: It was nice working with you and thanks for the advice you gave me; I guess some things you just can't learn from books! Good luck at Lankenau and continue to keep in touch.

Eugene Haas: I don't know what happened after we finished second year. I benefited from having you in class as well as anatomy lab. Thanks for your help along the way. Good luck in whichever residency you decide to pursue. I know you will do very well. You can always write back TaimurAk@pcom.edu (a response is always appreciated...lol :) I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Brian Ong: Best of luck to you as well. Thank you for your support and for the guidance you provided throughout the years.

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Well… It has been a long road starting with my third son being born the fourth day of orientation, classes starting the following Monday, and working part-time to full-time most nights and every weekend just to make ends meet. With only a few months left till graduation, I would like to take this space to thank a few very important people in my life. First and foremost, I would like to thank my wife Leigh. She stood by me and supported me through everything. She is probably the one most responsible for keeping me sane. Without her, none of this would have been possible. I would also like to take the time to thank my three children Bryce, Jake, and Wyatt. I am hoping they understand why I couldn't be around as much as they would have liked me to be. And finally, I would like to thank my parents, my in-laws, and anyone else who was there for us, for all of the support they have given me over the last four years.

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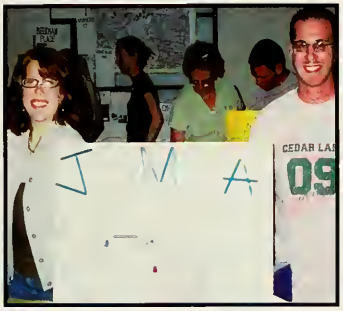

To my loving family:

Mom & Dad - Thank you for your love, support, and guidance; I couldn't have asked for more devoted parents. I'll always be grateful to you for putting your children first and making sure you did everything in your power to see them succeed. I stand before you today a doctor and a loving son.

Samantha - I'm so blessed you are my sister. We've always gotten along and been close throughout childhood and now as we're embarking on successful journeys as adults. I'm so proud of all you've accomplished and I know that your future is bright and full of many opportunities. Keep reaching for the stars!

Grandma - You've been such an inspiration to me and you always knew I'd achieve my goals in life. I'm so thankful to you for believing in me and I'm happy to have made you proud.

Uncle Allan & Aunt Grace - Thank you for your love and support and for all the wonderful memories we've shared together. Thank you for taking the time to listen and offer good advice and for always looking out for my best interests.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to the Class of 2009!

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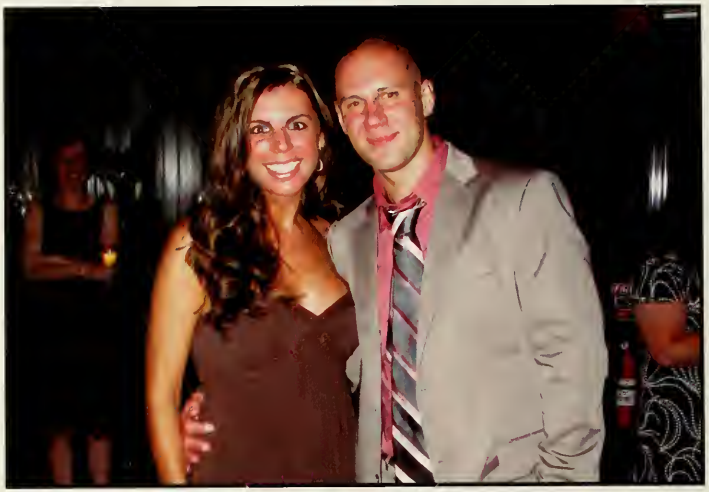

Mom and Dad: Thank you for the unconditional love and support throughout my entire life. Thank you for always pushing me and believing in me. Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices that have allowed me to get where I am today. I would not be here if I did not have you every step of the way. You have been my inspiration through your hard work, love, and compassion. I love you so much and I thank God that I have you for my parents.

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Ronnie and Bill: I am so blessed to have you as my future in-laws. Thank you for your love and support.

Billy: My love, my rock, my best friend, my future husband. PCOM was the best thing that ever happened to me because that is where I met you. Every new place we live will bring us new challenges and adventures that we will face together. I love you so much and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you.

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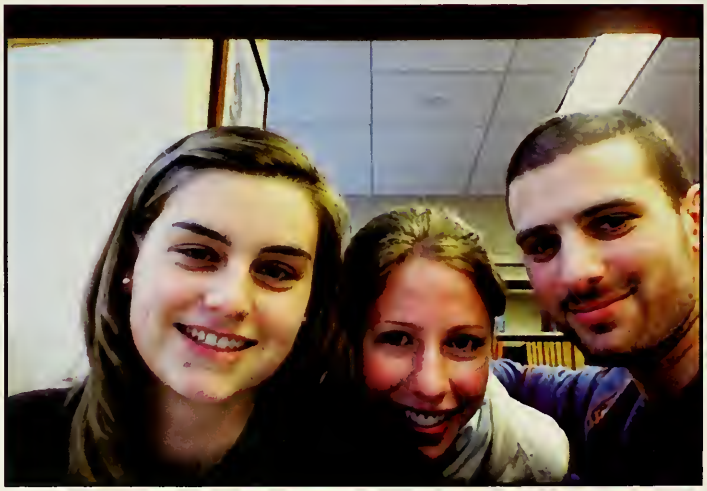
Mom & Dad- Thank you for everything. Both of you mean so much to me…I love you, and thank you for encouraging me to make this move to Florida.

Sis- Miss you every day. Xo

J – What can I say besides "Thank You". You are always close to my heart. Love you. Let's start accumulating those frequent flyer miles. I will miss you.

Baker- Ah. Look what we did now. More fun times to come. Miss you. Xo.

To my classmates and friends- Congratulations. May all of you always experience the best that life has to offer.



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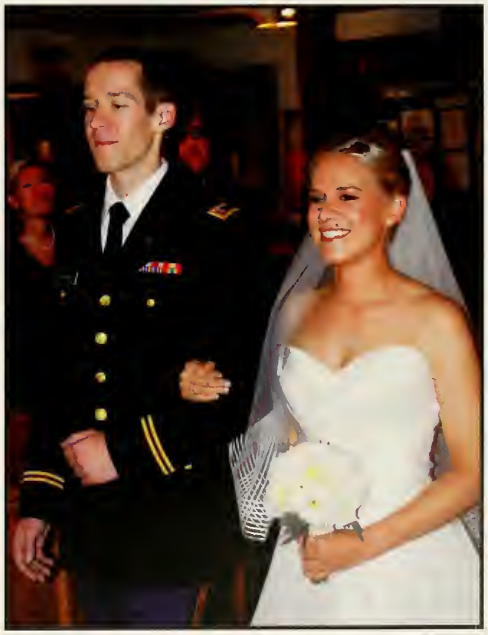

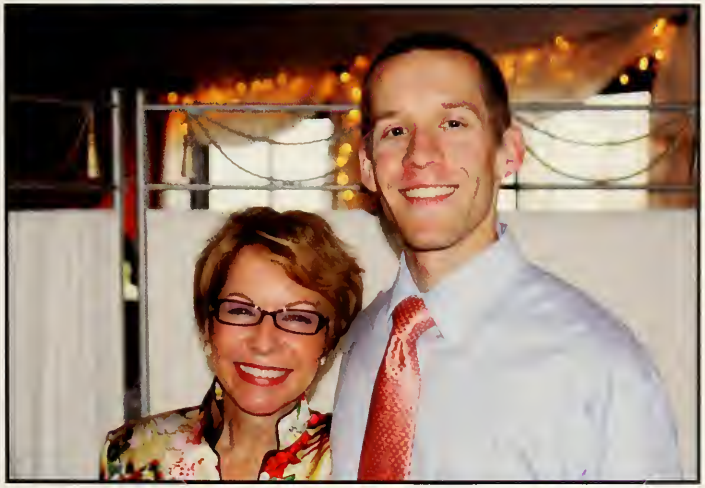

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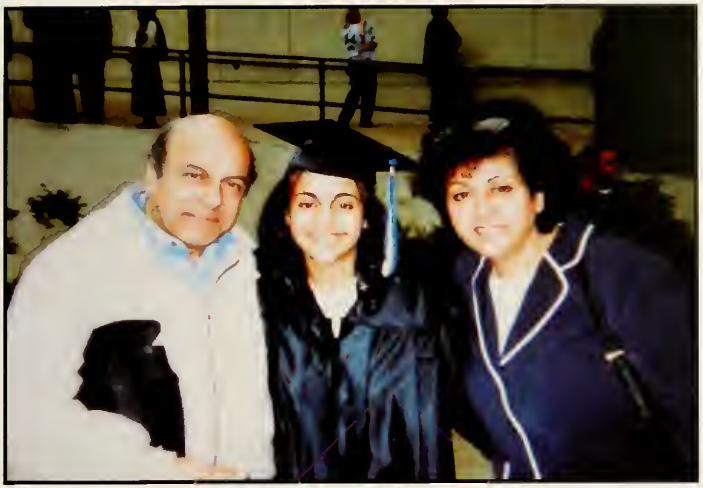

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First and for most, I would like to thank God for the many gifts and blessings that He has bestowed upon me. The biggest gift of all is my family for without their love, support and encouragement I would not be here today. I would like to especially thank my mom and dad for all their sacrifices and for always believing in me.

To all my friends, thank you for all your support, you truly make me a better person. Sarah, Aimee, Gadi, Shannon, Amanda and Nicole thank you for allowing me to always count on you. Sara, in you I found a best friend and I truly can not imagine going through medical school without you.

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From the beginning to the end, it has definitely been quite an adventure. I dedicate my yearbook page to all of those who have helped me along the way. This is one achievement that cannot be accomplished on one's own. It takes true grit, determination, sweat, blood, and tears to make it this far, but most importantly, support and guidance. To my parents, sister, Ma and John I, my beautiful Jen, and the rest of you too numerous to mention, from the bottom to the top of my heart, I thank you.

This is only the beginning believe it or not. I look forward to sharing my life with all of you, and making the best and most of what life brings to me in the near and distant future. It will be my life's ambition to pay forward all that has been given to me. I can honestly say that I feel truly blessed to have been dealt the deck of hands in front of me. It has been my support system that kept me playing and gave me the courage not to fold under pressure. I love you all.

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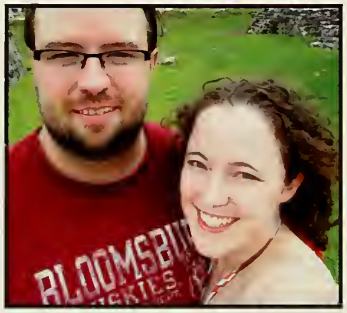

WE MADE IT!!

These four years have really flown by… Good times and bad, I couldn't have made it through without the friends I made, my family and especially Dan.

Dan, you deserve a lot of credit for putting up with all of the late nights of studying, rotations with long hours and listening to my frustrations. I can't wait to begin the next phase of our lives together. I love you so much!

Mom, Dad and Meredith, you have always supported me, from my first math homework to calling to hear about my latest rotation. Thank you for always being there. Love you all!

To my friends - we have been through it all: lectures, exams, nights out, engagements and weddings, the match… I wish you all the best of luck in the future!! Take care & keep in touch!

Congratulations Class of 2009!!!

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"...Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
Praise God!
He has fulfilled His promise!

Peter – Words fail to express the depth of gratitude I have for your tireless support and many sacrifices made to insure my success. I love you.

Family – Thank you for sharing me with the world. You knew the destiny that would befall me. You have equipped me for the road ahead. Your understanding and unconditional love carries me through the tough times.

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PCOM – You identified the physician in me. Not merely a physician but an osteopath called to this healing profession through the principles of A.T. Still. You allowed me to become who I was destined to be.

Countless others – Your influence have shaped and molded me into the person and physician I am today.

Malissa M Barbosa D.O.

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I would like to dedicate this degree to my family.

To my grandfathers, who worked their hands to the bone putting food on the table. Who taught me the value of patience in life. That above all, the necessity of selflessness towards others is the true measure of a person's character. To my grandmother, aunts and uncles for believing in me and encouraging me. To my parents and sisters, without their strength and support I would not be where I am today. I thank God for their allowing me to dream, pushing me to dream, and supporting my dreams.

May the efforts of my career allow my young patients to live and be able to achieve their dreams in life as I have been able to.

"The practice of medicine is an art, not a trade; a calling, not a business; a calling in which your heart will be exercised equally with your head. Often the best part of your work will have nothing to do with potions and powders, but with the exercise of an influence of the strong upon the weak, of the righteous upon the wicked, of the wise upon the foolish."
- Sir William Osler

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Mom and Dad, I would not be where I am today without the love and care that you have provided me all my life. Throughout the years, whether it was in the classroom or on the field, you both have been my biggest fans. From a young age, you have always told me to follow my dreams, and now because of your encouragement and support, I have reached them. While one chapter of my life comes to an end, I know there will be many more to come, but no matter how far I go in life, I will always be your 'little girl'. I love you.

Eric and Kathi, we have always been there for each other as family, but over the years, we have grown to be much more than that. In my eyes, you are my best friends. Family is where the heart is, and you guys have mine.

To my closest friends, I love you all like family and I look forward to a lifetime of friendship and laughter together.

To the PCOM class of '09, we made it! Congratulations to all of you and good luck with your future careers.

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Praise God for this glorious blessing and this tremendous responsibility! This has been a long, hard fought journey. I can't thank my family enough for being there with your love and support. Each one of you contributed to my being here.

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To J7, especially Holly and Chelcie, thanks for taking me in like family. I love y'all!

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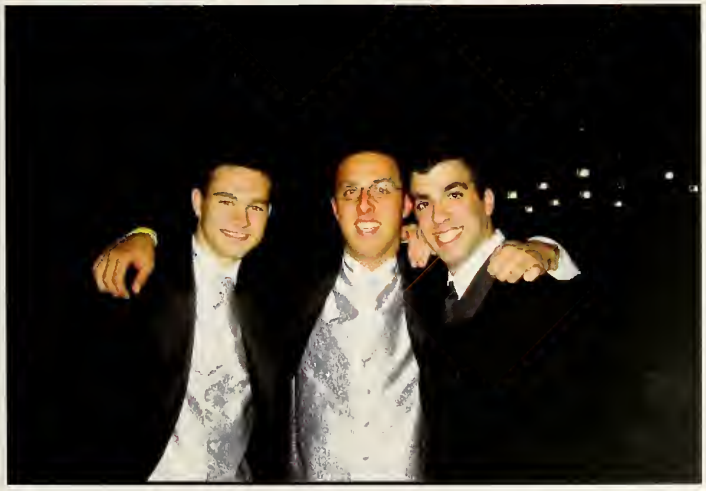
"He is the best physician who is the most ingenious inspirer of hope"
– Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"Do your best, and let God do the rest."
– Ben Carson



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Mom and Dad--I can't thank you enough for everything you've done for me. You taught me what it meant to work hard, to respect and be compassionate towards others--lessons that will hopefully make me a good doctor, but more importantly a good person. You were always there for me when I needed advice, a home cooked meal, or three dollars to get over the bridge, and for that I am forever grateful.

Kevin, Jackie, and Caitlin--Did you ever think your goofy red-headed brother would be a doctor? Whether you know it or not, everything is a lot easier with you guys in my corner.

Nam and Pop--I can only hope the frozen meals and handshakes will continue even though I'll finally be earning a paycheck. I'll understand if they don't, I know you have other grandchildren (and great grandchildren!) to take care of.

PCOM Family--In twenty years when we come back to PCOM and there is still dodgeball, flag football, the Olympics, and AC trips we will know that we have left our legacy. I can't imagine having more fun than we did, good luck in the future.

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Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,
even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story.
Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter;
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.
Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.
Take kindly to the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.
You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann c.1920

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To my Mom and Dad: Your unconditional love and support has given me a foundation upon which to grow. I will forever be proud to be your daughter.

To my brother and his beautiful family: I am grateful to have you. I hope for many, many more wonderful memories to come.

To the Margetas family: I am honored to become a part of your family. You began to love and support me before you knew me. For that, I will always be grateful.

To my family and friends: You complete me. Each of you has a unique role in my life. I could never imagine being me without you.

George: You are my best friend and my fiancé. My dreams are coming true. I will love you forever.

With love,
Tricia

Congratulations to the Class of 2009! We made it!!

Patricia Burger DO

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Thank you to my family for your unconditional love and support.

Adam- You have been my rock and the light at the end of each day. I am so happy and proud to be your wife. I love you more every day, and I look forward to a lifetime of happiness with you.

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Dad- Our dream is now a reality! I am proud to be your daughter and the first Dr. Burgert. It is because of you that my passion for medicine was born. Thank you for picking me up at my lowest and never letting me quit.

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Thank you, Lord, for the many blessings you have bestowed upon me. I will continue to serve You in everything I do.

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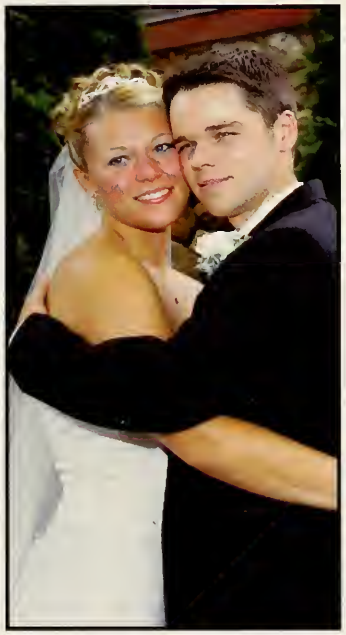

Medical school has been an amazing growth experience for me. When I started at PCOM I was intimidated by the years that lay ahead. Becoming a physician seemed a very daunting task. However, working hard to attain this prestigious title was easy when I thought about all the people I would be able to help. My future patients are my motivation and inspiration. I will endeavor to always do well for them.

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To my son Noah: You are the joy in my life. I hope one day you find a profession that inspires and excites you as much as medicine does me. I love you.

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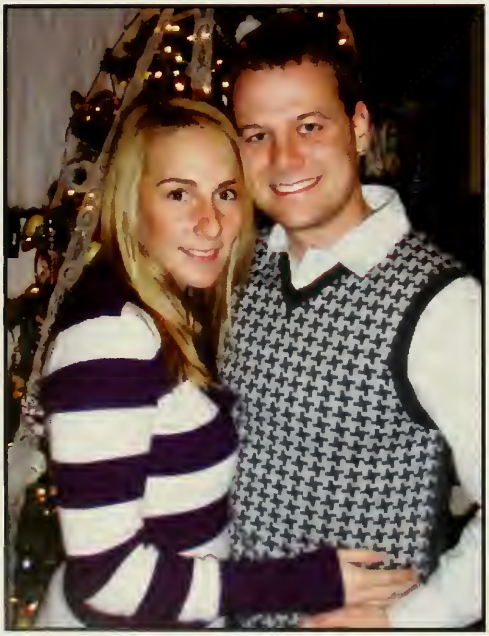

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To my parents: Thank you for teaching me about hard work and for pushing me in the right directions throughout the years.

To Tom: Thank you for showing me what true courage and sacrifice is all about.

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"It's not about you! It's about the patient!" –Dr. Kornberg

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My graduation page is dedicated to all my family and friends. You all have in one way or another helped me become the person that I am today and the physician I will be in the future. I truly love and cherish you all.

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Infinite devotion extends to my Grandmother for exuding a simplistic philosophy of Faith, Love, and Health.

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Mum
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– I do not know what I would have done without you
Dad
– I hope that my career will be as varied and distinguished as yours was
The PSU gang
– All of you have enriched my life in so many ways

"This is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense."
-Sir Winston Churchill

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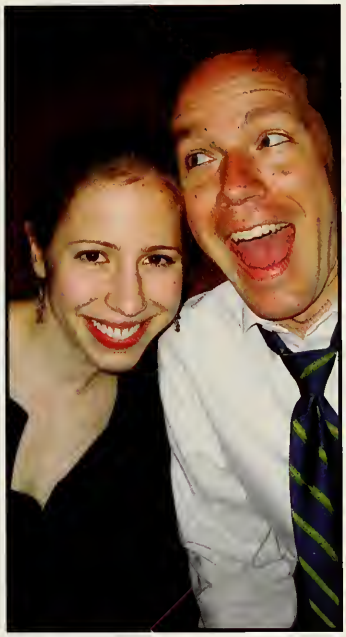

We never know how high we are
Till we are asked to rise
And then if we are true to plan
Our statures touch the skies.
-Emily Dickinson

Congratulations to the class of 2009!
Let's always reach farther than our grasp…

Lauren Comisky, D.O.

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Congratulations class of 2009!

I hope that my achievements in life shall be these
– that I will have handled myself with my head
and others with my heart,
that I will have fought for what was right and fair,
that I will have risked for that which mattered,
that I will have given help to those
who were in need, and
that I will have left the earth a better place
for what I've done and who I've been.

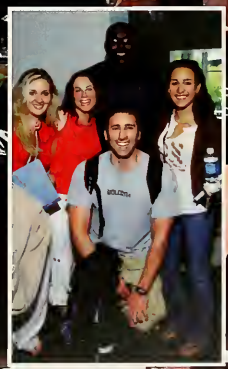
-- C. Hoppe

Courage, sacrifice, determination, commitment,
toughness, heart, talent, guts.
That's what little girls are made of;
the heck with sugar and spice.

-- Bethany Hamilton

Lauren Comisky D.O

First Year Survivors Lunch



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To my heavenly Father: I am grateful for your constant presence in my life.

To my wife: This achievement is as much yours as it is mine. Thank you for your love, support and hard work. I love and appreciate you more than I've ever shown you.

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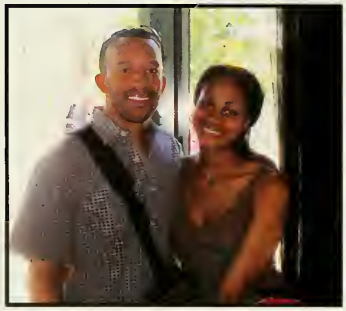

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To my husband, Daniel:

For once, I am at a loss for words. I cannot express how much your unwavering support means to me. You were the one, years ago, who believed in me and told me I could do it – even when I had doubts. Saying "thank you" for all of the nights away while I was studying and when you took care of our children so I could pursue my dream, does not suffice. You are the love of my life, my biggest supporter, my best friend. I would not be here without you.

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And when the night is cloudy
There is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow, let it be....
The Beatles

Nancy L. Corcoran, D.O.

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Alyssa: My beautiful and amazing wife. I can't believe it's finally here. I couldn't have done this without your love and endless support. You are my strength, my inspiration, my everything. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and love. I know it wasn't always easy, but we got through it together. This degree is as much yours as it is mine. You brighten my life, and I know that with you by my side I can accomplish anything. I love you Always.

Mom and Dad: Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! I'm eternally grateful to you both for everything you've done for me. I couldn't have done this without your unwavering support, encouragement, and love. No matter what the situation, I know I can always turn to you for guidance. You've taught me so many valuable lessons that I cherish and will take with me wherever I go. It is because of you I've become the person I am today. I am truly blessed to have you as my parents. I love you both.

Tony and Melanie: I couldn't ask for a greater brother and sister. Thank you for all your motivation and support. I'm so proud of you guys.

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Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
- Robert Frost

Justin Costa D.O.

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Life Is...
Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.
-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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EAST: Look at what a little case race has led to. Although we may be spread across the country, it's only a matter of time until the first bricks of the compound are laid. Always remember, "Gamble like you're money, party like a rockstar, and…!"

James B Cruz DO

Second Year's Survivors Lunch

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"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?" - Dr. Seuss

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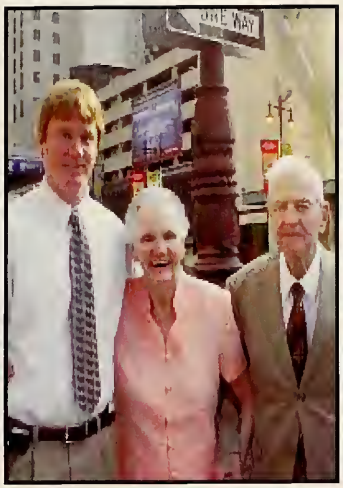
To my parents, Mom and Athee-thank you for always supporting, encouraging and caring for me through the good, the bad and the ugly (and the expensive). To Freddie (yars!)-thank you for being my big brother and always being there to kick my butt or give me a shoulder to cry on. To the Samuel family-a family I consider to be my own-thank you for giving me another place to call home (but only if you NEVER stop having Thanksgiving at your house). To all of my extended family, thank you for always sending your love, thoughts and prayers to me even when we are thousands of miles apart. To ALL of my friends, med school would have been IMPOSSIBLE without you to share the laughs, mishaps, frustrations and accomplishments. I hope that we can continue to share them as we go through residency (and not just via facebook!). Last, but definitely not least, I thank God for giving me the strength to make it through the difficult times and making me stronger than ever. My dream of "Dr. Daver" is FINALLY a reality!! (And yes, everyone's dream of receiving free healthcare from me is finally a reality too.)

Nicole Daver DO



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- Brian

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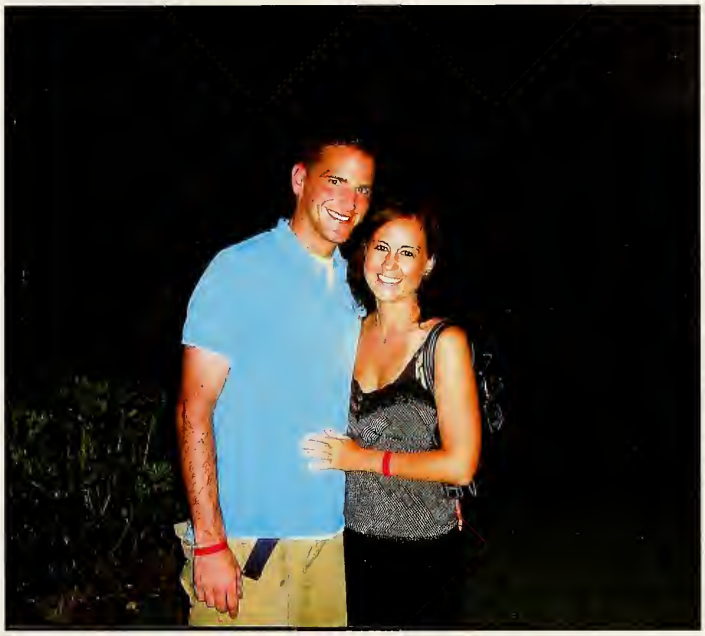

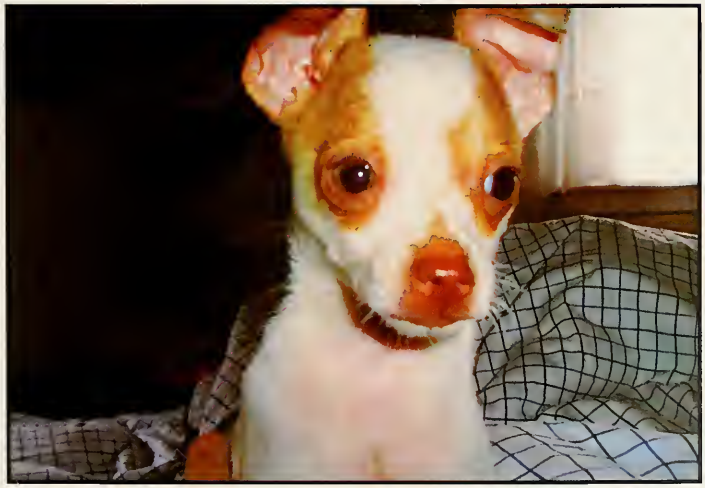

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To Mom – my best friend. I admire your strength, wisdom, and courage. You've been through a lot, but always remained by my side. I cannot thank you enough for your support and unconditional love. You are beautiful, Mom. I love you!

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To the rest of my family and friends, thank you for your love and support.

Congrats PCOM Class of '09 – We did it! Who knew medical school would be so much fun?! I wish you all the best in the future!

…Last but never least, to Daddy - You always encouraged me to believe in myself, and you led me to where I am today. Holding you close to my heart today and always, I share and celebrate this achievement with you. I miss you

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To my family and my friends,
you are those upon whom I depend.
I see not the end, but on and on I will tread.
Without you, who I love, I cannot rise above.
I may falter and I may fail; but with you,
I will prevail.
I have just one hundred years,
and throughout that, I will fear.
I cannot hand to you a gift so precious
or so dear.
In the dark, you are my brightness,
which guides me into shore.
Your constant encouragement and dedication
have made me become more.
I cannot express my gratitude in anymore
simple a way, than just to say
on this very fine day,

Thank you!

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"When you are a physician you know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours."
~Author Unknown

Adam Doré

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My biggest fan and the best coach I ever had: Sums it up. We as residents and physicians should be honored to work with nurses like you both. Thanks for pushing me to always achieve more and for believing in me the many times others didn't.

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Jac: 'This is jill. And this is jill's sister.' Scratch that. I'll always be proud to say I'm Jac's sister. Never let anyone take away your free spirit. Crazy hippie.

Mis chicas: I'm sure I'd have made it thru med school without ya'll but it wouldn't have been nearly as fun. There've been some tough times but with those tears comes a bond only we know. I never thought I'd laugh (or party) as much as these past 4 years. There's noone else I would've wanted to share this time with. We have a guardian angel watching over us and I can only wish to be half as phenomenal a physician as he.
I love you all.

My fav'ohniners: when in doubt… just dance;)

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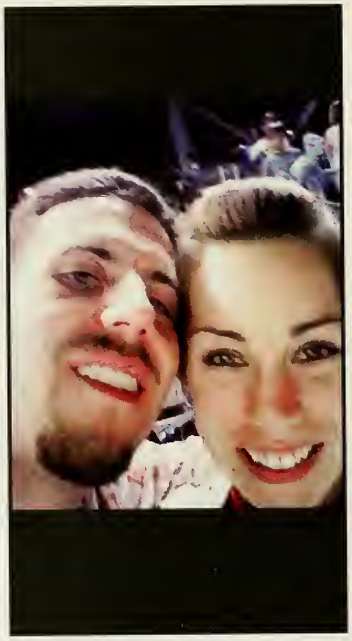

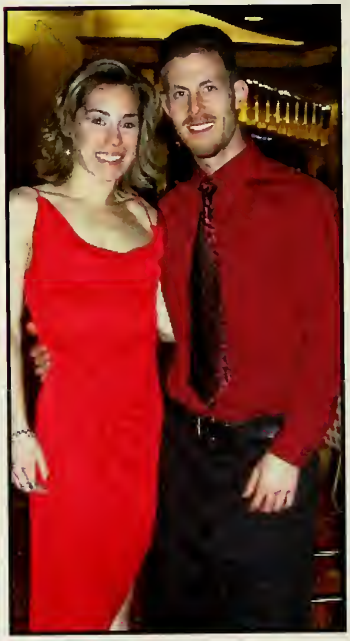

Mom and Dad- I couldn't have asked for a better set of parents. You both have been ideal role models of hard work and dedication and have shown me how loving parents can truly be. I cannot put into words how grateful I am for your support through the good and the bad times and for simply just always being there. You believed in me even when it seemed that no one else did and that means the world to me. I love you both and cannot believe how blessed I truly am to have you.

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I want to thank my family for helping me and supporting me during the four years of med school. Mom I appreciate all the cooking when I was too tired/lazy to cook. All the late night convos, walks around the block, yoga in the family room, and sleepovers with the cats were great. Mike you were always great rescuing me with the latest shower leaking emergency or mouse infestation! Cy you definitely provided the best study music! And Christeen…I remember when we first met… Love at first sight! Without you, school would have sucked. And to all my wonderful friends stace, tim, marta, aimee, nic, shan, gadi…you all rock. That's all I have to say. xoxo

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To my family: Dad, Mom, Heather, Christina, and extended family including Gregory and Jordan, my wonderful nephews. I love you so much!

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To the patients wanting me as their doctor: Such a gesture is perhaps the finest compliment. I promise that I will have an office for you someday.

To the D.O. Class of 2009: We made it! Let's show our talents and excel in residency!

Thomas Robert Drames, D.O.

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Congratulations Class of 2009!

Mom and Dad,
I could not have asked for greater parents. You loved, supported, and believed in me even when I did not believe in myself (especially at 2 am the night before my first anatomy test). Thank you for always being there, I love both of you!

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Ricky I will never forget you!

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"Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time."
-excerpt from "Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann

Dad, Mom, Christina, and Andrew:
Thank you for being my cheerleaders. Thank you for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. And most of all thank you for loving me through it all. You are truly my most favorite things in life.

My Friends:
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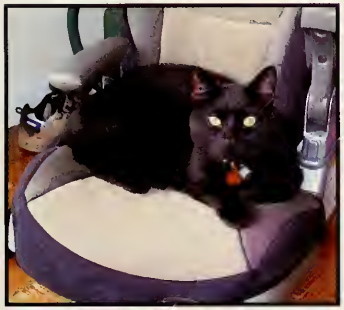

First, I would like to congratulate the class of 2009. We made it! Best of luck in your future endeavors. Secondly, I would like to say to my family and friends: thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for helping me achieve this goal. From beginning to end, you have been behind me and I love you so much for it! To James and Ashton: I love you. Through all the study nights breaking down, to building me an office, my failures and successes, you have been there reminding me why I put myself through it all; because this is what I love to do. I could not have made it without you, thank you. For every setback, your encouragement reminded me of my favorite quote: "Failure is delay, not defeat." I will never forget that. Congrats to everyone again! xoxox

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To my Wife: Elyssa, without you these past four years would not have been possible. You have always been there for me showing constant support and compassion. Even after the hardest days work coming home to you and seeing your smile makes all my worries melt away. Here's to more bubble baths, rubber duckies, and foot rubs. Thank you my best friend, my wife, my soul mate, I love you Boops!

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Congratulations to the Class of 2009! May you find the strength to help those in need and always be humbled by your work.

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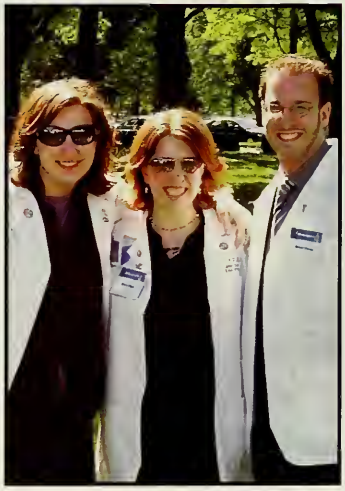
To my extended family and friends: Thanks for your encouragement over the years!

Stacy B. Ellen



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Some of us are fulfilling childhood dreams, while others are perpetuating a family tradition, and still others are here because they're doing the only thing that makes sense to them. Whatever niche each of us fits into, whether stereotypical or atypical, I hope that each one of us finds happiness within our pursuit. Making it this far has been challenging to both us and our loved ones, so I would like to thank my parents for their bottomless supply of moral support through this entire process. I would like to thank my friends from home for providing me with an outlet when I needed to escape the stress. And most of all I want to thank all the friends I have made along the way; I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to share this experience with.
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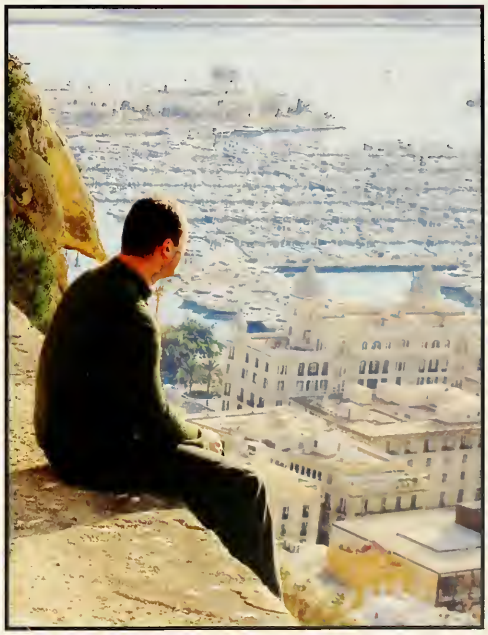

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To my classmates – It's been an honor and a pleasure to learn alongside you all.

Congratulations Doctors!!

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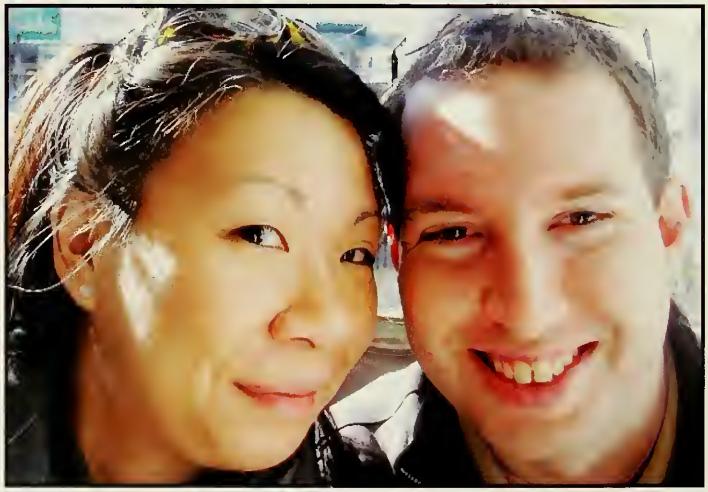

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Anonymous: "Medical school is like a public restroom, those who are outside desperately want to get in while those inside cannot wait to get out."

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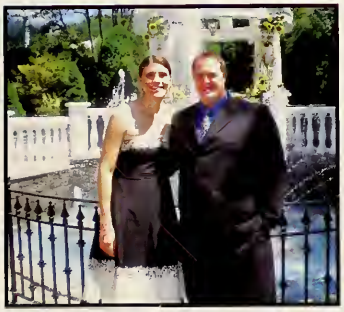

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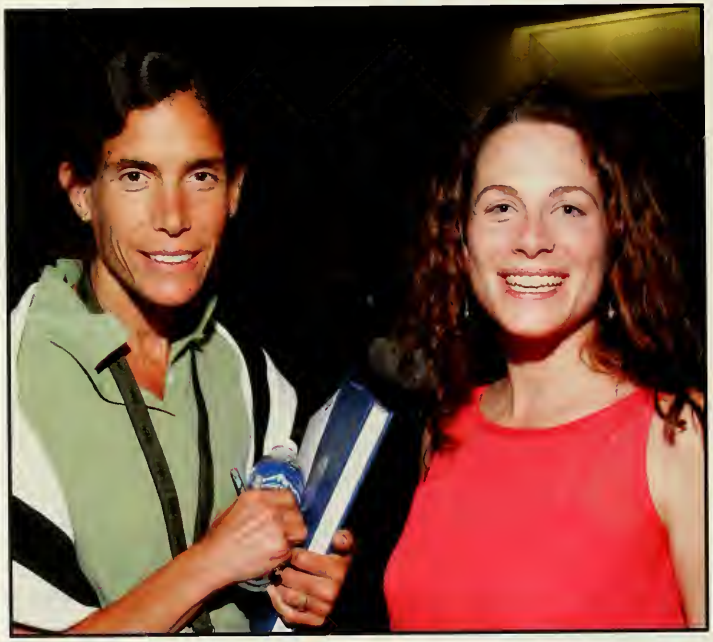

"It is never too late to be what
you might have been."
– George Eliot

Excuses are monuments to mediocrity,
built upon a foundation of self deception.

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To my parents: Thank You for all the love and support you gave me through the years. I would not be the person I am today without you.

To my friends: I appreciate all the times you listened to me when I needed it and showed me that there was a world outside of medical school. You are the greatest friends a person can have in life.

To my class: I have many fond memories of my time at PCOM. I know our class will make the world a better place in all our pursuits.

To Jake: I will never be able to repay you for your gift of bone marrow many years ago. I only hope my life shows that I never took it for granted.

"The practice of medicine will be very much as you make it - to one a worry, a care, a perpetual annoyance; to another, a daily job and a life of as much happiness and usefulness as can well fall to the lot of man, because it is a life of self-sacrifice and of countless opportunities to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up those that fall."
- William Osler

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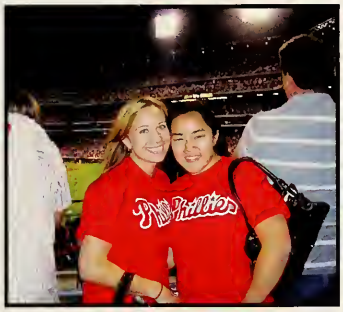

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious."
– Vince Lombardi

Congratulations everyone, and good luck in the future! A special thank you to Mom, Dad, Ashley, and Christopher, as well as all you crazy PCOM kids: my Phillies soulmate, Mizza, the best anatomy group EVER, my other Michelle, Nadine, Kira, Meredith, Kelly, Jill, Laura, Jeff, Stoltz, Rich, the rest of the boys, my Rock/Paper/Scissors girls, and everyone else. Take care class of 2009!

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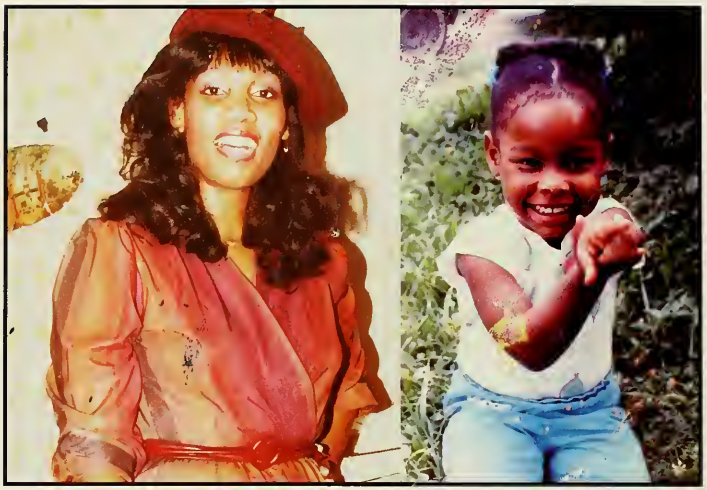

All of this is dedicated to my mother, Deanna, whose life was ended so that mine might have purpose. I miss you. My family: Johnsons, Browns, Garys, Rews, Jonses….how lucky I AM! I never traveled this road alone; I couldn't have done this without you. Thanks and I love you all. Mother and Pop—thank you for opening my eyes to a world much wider than ours, and instilling in me a spirit that knows NO boundaries! Syreeta—my first and best friend: I couldn't have done it without YOU and Tracy. Keep pushing, the world needs the true genius that's marinating within that Washington Thinktank…DD: I'm so proud, already. I can only imagine what you'll do next, girl…Aunt Gerri—keep praying… To the Lewis/Way/Murphy family: thank you for keeping me clean, cats fed, dressed for success, and for grafting me into your family. I feel the love… Shannin: you are my best friend, just what I prayed for. I love you and I wish for you God's perfect will, no matter what. Friends til the end, and we're far from the end! Church people—thanks for prayer, laughter and love (from the belly!) Jovan: 31-21 forever….we MADE IT! To the unsung heroes of my PCOM career: Tina, Carol, Marsha, Desiree, Nea, Darren, Tim, Roz, my cafeteria crew—THANK YOU from the bottom…I won't ever forget. Lastly, this is the part where I tell you that you are the witnesses and I am the proof that God gives us as much as we ask and believe. It has less to do with how good we are, but how sincere our desire is to do something positive that connects humanity ultimately back to God. To eat, sleep, breathe and WALK this thing until it has shape and life, and is no longer a part of our imagination but a product of our imagination. It's not a secret. It is our birthright that we can choose our OWN adventures…go make yours what you want it to be!

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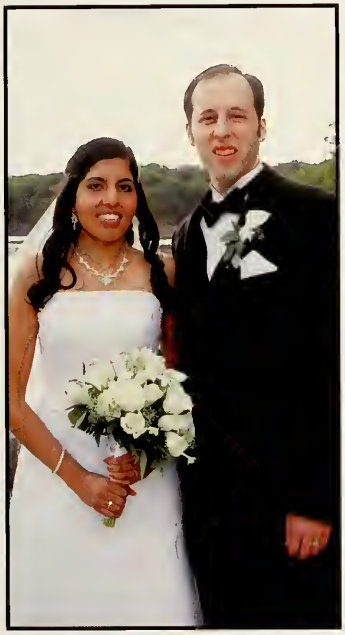

Random Quotation:
"Which is more vital, fame or health? Which is more precious, health or riches? Which is more harmful loss or gain? The deeper the love, the higher the cost, the bigger the treasure, the greater the loss. Who knows contentment suffers no shame, who knows restraint encounters no trouble and thus lives long." – Lao Tzu

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George Gavern

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It has been a great joy to have the opportunity to continue to learn about His greatest creation. First as an engineer, and now as a physician. Thank you Jesus!

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The Greatest Verse:

God (the greatest lover), so loved (the greatest degree), the world (the greatest number of people) that He gave (the greatest act), His only begotten Son (the greatest gift) that who so ever (the greatest opportunity), believeth (the greatest simplicity) in Him (the greatest attraction), should not perish (the greatest promise), but (the greatest difference) have (the greatest certainty), eternal life (the greatest possession).

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Karin – I don't think words can adequately express how much you mean to me. You have been with me through some of the highest peaks and lowest valleys of my life. You helped me survive medical school…residency and the rest of our lives should be a breeze. I love you.

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Dom – Thank you for always believing. Someday we will all be together again…

Anthony – One step closer to Harley's and Vegas. Hoorah…

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To my classmates – always remember that "At a cardiac arrest, the first procedure is to take your own pulse." (Rule 3, House of God). Thank you all for the memories, good luck in all that you do.

"Nothing can heal without cold hard steel"

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To my parents: Thank you for always being there for me and believing in me to achieve all that I can.

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To the Class of 2009: Congratulations and good luck to all of you.

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Mom and Dad: I want to thank you both very much for being such wonderful parents. I am grateful for your consistent support, positive motivation, and sincere care for my well being. I look up to you both so much. You both have been there for me through the years whenever I needed you and helped me to become the person I am today. I greatly appreciate all that you have done for me. I love you so much and don't know what I would do without you.

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" Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor."
Truman Capote

" Always look out for number one and be careful not to step in number two."
Rodney Dangerfield

"If you're looking for sympathy you'll find it between s*** and syphilis in the dictionary."
David Sedaris

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With all the love in my heart,
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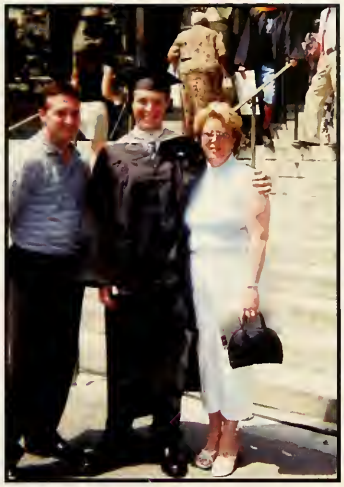

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"It takes a village to raise a child." -Hillary Clinton

I remember I was at a residency interview when the program director asked me: "How does a kid from Mayfair manage to attend medical school?" I replied: "hard work, perseverance, and a strong family." Where I come from, most kids become a cop, a fireman, or learn a trade. However, I managed to slip through the cracks. I am truly grateful for the opportunities afforded to me, but I cannot solely take credit for my achievements. I would like to thank my loving parents, without them, I would not be the man I am today. I would like to thank my grandparents for the endless support and their car. I would like to thank my Aunt and Uncle, whose generous contribution facilitated attending PCOM. I would like to thank my sisters, my cousins, and my godson for their support; I strive to be a good role model for all of you. Lastly, I would like to thank my best friend, Dana, for all of your help with OMM and PCS. I love you all more than you know will ever know. My success is a testament to all of you.

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To my family and friends: I am forever grateful for the encouragement and support you've given me throughout the years. I could not have made it this far without you. I love you all.

To my classmates: It seems like just yesterday we were getting acquainted during anatomy lab and here we are, about to graduate. It's been a fun ride. I wish you all the best of luck in your future careers. I know you will go on to do great things.

Congratulations, Class of 2009!

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.
-Confucius

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So I've made it! I didn't do it alone and I have many people to thank. First and foremost I have the most amazing parents. They truly love each and every one of their children so much that they have consistently put their needs aside to fulfill our needs and wants. Thank you and I love you. In addition to my parents is the rest of my family, who have followed me through my education making me smile, laugh, and relax. Speaking of laughter I would be remiss not to thank my friend and room mate Diana. I think we both know how much we relied on each other for support and happiness. To all of my friends thank you for being so understanding and thanks for all of the welcomed distractions. And Kenny, I love you so much! You know how to make me smile even at my worst moments. I'm looking forward to spending more and more time with you. I hope that you never doubt how much I appreciate our relationship.

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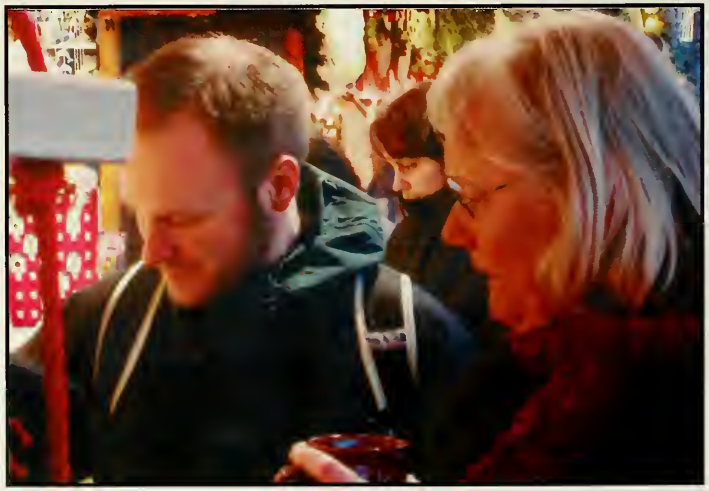
"To study medicine without books is to sail an uncharted sea, while to study medicine only from books is not to go to sea at all."
-Sir William Osler



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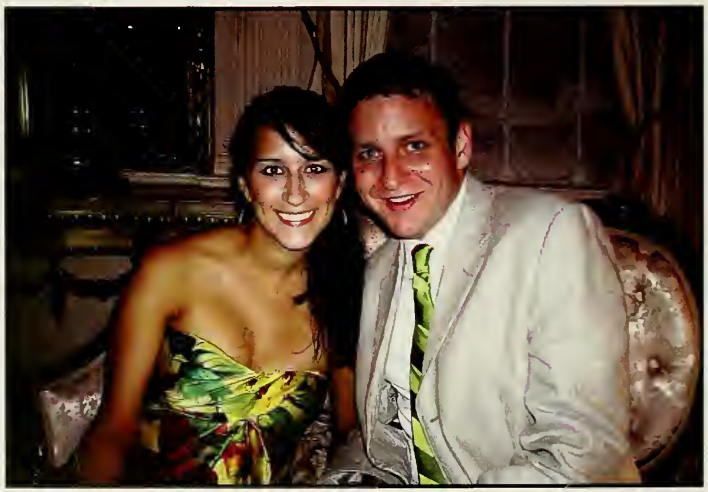

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Thank you to the most important blessings in my life:

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Congratulations, Class of 2009!

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How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.
George Washington Carver

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As I transition into my new role, I trust that God will "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference".
Serenity Prayer

Congratulation and good luck PCOM family!

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I can do all things through Christ,
who strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:13

Mom and Dad: thank you so much for all your love, sacrifice, and support. I owe everything that I have and everything that I am to you. I love you.

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Love you all

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Be confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6

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God

You always caught me before I hit the ground
You always lifted me high when I had no wings to fly
When my world crumpled down you were the only one by my side
I owe it all to you and will say it every time I sigh!

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My 93 years old **grandma** in Syria, **Fahda Jarjous:** Your prayers to live long to see both of us doctors have come true! Will always miss you! Kisses on your blessing hands

"Only as high as I reach can I grow,
only as far as I seek can I go.
Only as deep as I look can I see,
only as much as I dream can I be."
- Karen Raven

Al Mishtaye- Syria (1982-1998)

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"The significance of the intimate personal relationship between physician and patient cannot be too strongly emphasized, for in an extraordinarily large number of cases both the diagnosis and treatment are directly dependent on it. One of the essential qualities of the clinician is interest in humanity, for the secret of the care of the patient is in caring for the patient."
- Dr. Francis Peabody.

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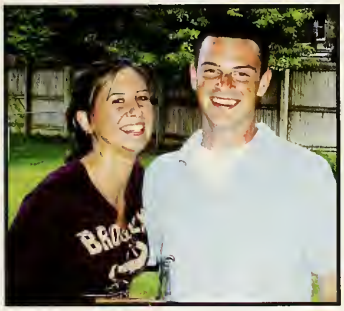
The Soul Train: To the most beautiful, intelligent, caring women I know. Thank you for always giving me a place to come "home" to. And for the good cocktails too!

Table 16: Three months of Anatomy led to lifelong friendships. We've come a long way since that first meeting four years ago. Thank you all for being the bright lights in a medical school journey that hasn't always been easy.



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First, I would like to thank my wife, June, whom has always been there for me. During endless nights of studying, she was always quick to offer words of encouragement; she was my standardized patient, my OMM partner, but most importantly, my best friend. During my inpatient rotations, she often kept my supper warm after 14-hour days at the hospital, and when I felt overwhelmed, she was the voice of reason on an often-chaotic journey. Nevertheless, throughout everything, she was always there for me to lean on. Her love and understanding has been, and continues to be, a constant source of support for me. I love her dearly, and could not have succeeded without her. Thank you Hun-Bun! I love you!

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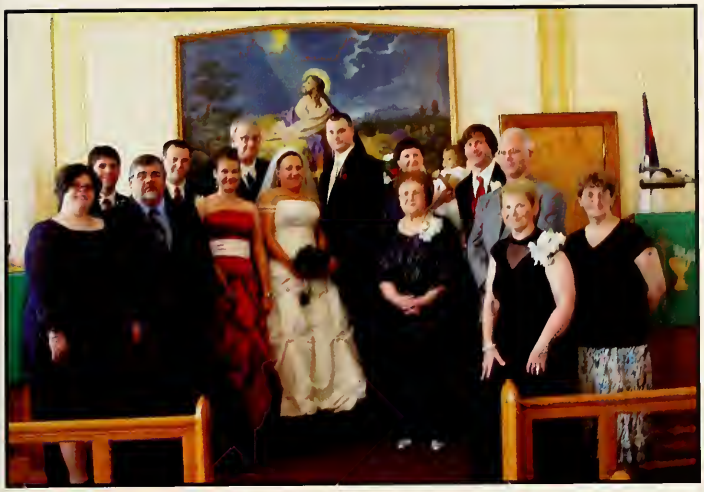
James P. Jones D.O.



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Mom & Dad: You were the reassurance at the other end of the phone and the hugs that said more than words ever could. Thank you for indulging my little quirks. I love you.

Chris & Brian: A girl could not ask for better brothers. I forgive you for ruining my Barbie dolls. See you in Williamsport!

Jen: You are the sister I never had and always wanted. In another life, we will go to medical school together and not spend three precious years apart. I'm glad you're home.

Vicki & Tom: Medical school would be twice as difficult and half as fun without friends like you. Tom, my face always hurt from smiling so much with you. Watch out for runaway dodgeballs. Vicki, I wish you were walking across that stage with us. I can't wait to see where your career will take you. Watch out for tiger sharks.

Geisinger Gang: I would say we did okay for ourselves! Let's make Tracey and the rest of the Big G proud.

"Feel the wind blow our wanderin' hearts like a feather.
But who knows what's waiting in the wings of time?
Dry your eyes…
We gotta go where we can shine."

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Meredith, B <3 B. Words here do not describe the love I've found in you, and in becoming an "us."

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PCOM Rugby: Stay strong in the rucks.

"Through humility we allow ourselves to become great teachers for those that will follow us."

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To my parents- You are my strength, support, and stability. I love you. Thank you for more than you know.

Mom- You are my rock. I don't know what I would do or who I would be without you.
Dad- Your example sets the standard for working hard and living fully. I'll always be your little girl.
Mommytina- Thanks for always giving me the point of view that is often hard to see. It will make me a better physician and person.
Marisa- You've taught me what it is to survive. You are stronger than you know.
Tanya- You are the exemplar of a strong and independent woman. I look up to you.
RJ- I love you.

To my family- Thank you for all your support and for believing in me. You've shown me dreams can come true.

To my friends- It has been some crazy/memorable/great times. I'll miss the times we had and look forward to the times we will.

"The practice of medicine is an art, not a trade;
a calling, not a business; a calling in which your heart will be
exercised equally with your head."
-Sir William Osler

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To my parents and brother – Thank you for your unconditional love and infinite wisdom. Thank you for your continued support through the good times and the bad. I am truly blessed to have you in my life. Although I may not always show it or say it, I love you.

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To my friends – You guys rock! It was great working and playing with you all. Good luck in all that you pursue and whatever the future may bring.

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The most wasted day is that in which we have not laughed.
~Sébastien-Roch Nicolas deChamfort

We don't look backwards for very long.
We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and
doing new things, because we're curious...
And curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.
~Walt Disney

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Mom and Dad: Thank you for 25 years worth of advice and support. I have become who I am today because of you. I am so grateful to have inherited dad's laid-back nature, mom's perseverance, and of course, both of your humor and strength.

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Mom and Dad: Thank you for everything! You have always encouraged me and supported me throughout every challenge in life; and for that, I will be forever grateful. Mom, thank you for being the shoulder to lean on when times get tough. Dad, where would I be without the Bob Kenney School of Life?

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My H2 girls: You girls are more than my roommates. You are my best friends. Whether we're going out in the city or just lounging on the couch, we always have a great time. I wish you all nothing but the best because you deserve it.

All of my amazing friends from PCOM 2009: Thank you for filling these past 4 years with such incredible memories. Good luck, doctors!

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Costume Parties

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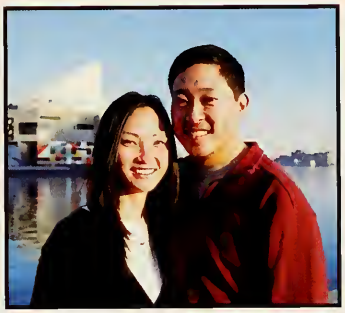

Mom: Without your love and support, I know that this was not possible. I respect you for your strength… I admire you for your honesty. I love you and you are my true hero.

Heej: I am so thankful to have a sister with so much talent and so much grace. I know that we can always be there for each other as we transition from being "a kid to an adult." =) I love you sister!

David: I can't begin to tell you how lucky I feel to have found you. You are now my biggest supporter… and my best friend. I will always be the last piece of your puzzle. I love you.

Friends: I know that past four years have been so memorable because of you guys. You guys deserve the best and be the best. So, go out and be a superstar!!! I love you girls.

Dad: I am proud to be your daughter. I love you and I miss you.

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."
- Helen Keller

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Mom and Dad: I can't thank you enough for all of the love and support you have given me through the years—I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for both of you. I only hope that one day I can repay (financially and emotionally!) all you have given me.

Gram Klitsch: Thanks for the unconditional love you have given me throughout the years. If I ever decide to open a practice in Schuylkill County, I know that you would be my number one supporter and advertiser!

Gram Connelly: I love you and miss you. Thank you for all you have done and for being an inspiration. I know you are smiling down on me.

Neal: The advice and encouragement you have given me through the years have truly been invaluable. I hope you are not sick of my questions because I'm sure that there will be many more to come.

Justin: Thanks for being a great brother and a great friend. Hopefully we will be able to still have a great time despite the fact that we will both actually have jobs.

Tiffany: I can't believe the time has gone by so fast—it seems like only yesterday that I asked to sit at your lunch table. You truly have made my time at PCOM wonderful and I hope our future will bring only more great memories.

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Mommy & Daddy: Thank you for all your love, support and guidance. I know that I would have never been able to get to this point in my career without your help and guidance. Both of you have been the best role models for me, and I am glad that I am able to share this special achievement with you. I love you both.

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"Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul.
Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal."
–Pamela Vaull Starra

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God: By Your grace and strength I have gotten to where I am today. You have blessed me with the ability to achieve my dream, for which I am forever grateful.

Mom & Dad: To put into words all that you both have done for me throughout my entire life is quite difficult, and, frankly, the words I put on this page will not do it justice. Thank you for always supporting me in all of my endeavors. You two are the reason I made it to this point. You are my motivation, my inspiration, and my rock. I live my life with the purpose of making you proud. I love you both. This is for you.

Karl: For how much we fought as kids, we have actually become pretty close over the years. I am thankful not only to call you my brother, but also my friend.

B: My bia...you are my best friend and I honestly do not know what my life would be like without you in it.

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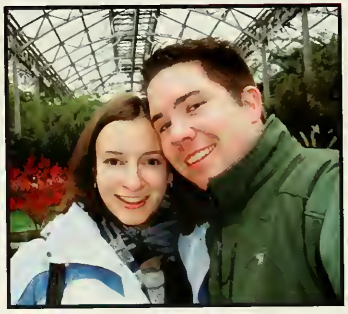
Mommy and Daddy, I am so thankful for your love, guidance, and support. You asked only that I try my best and here I am now. I love you both very much. Becky, the best sister, and my best friend, I can always depend on you and am forever grateful for you. What would I do without you? I am proud of you and all your accomplishments. Go Penn State and PCOM! Ricky, who would have thought we'd meet again and it would lead to all this? Thank you for everything my sweetie. I'm so happy that our lives have grown together and am very excited for what our futures might bring. I love you. Aunt Debbie, Scott, Courtney and Matt, you guys are so cool! You're the best! All of my friends, I may not always return phone calls, but I'm always thinking about you. To my Bop-Bop – my one wish is that you could be here to see what your Sarah has done. Thank you for all your guidance and love. You're still in my heart. I couldn't have done this without you.

"to whom much is given, much is required"

All my love,
Love, ~ Sarah.



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Mom & Dad - because of you I am here, about to become a physician; because of you I have been able to achieve all of my dreams; because of you I have the greatest life on earth. I love you.

Mands, my little big sister - I'm so proud of the woman you've become. As children, I held your hand and you held mine... no need to stop 'cause we're adults!

Michael, my best friend, the love of my life - because of you I want more for the world and less for myself; you make me better, you make me happy.

Sally & Rob, Dana & Adam, my two sets of surrogate parents - I wouldn't have eaten all those years if it weren't for you :)

To all my relatives & friends who have been so understanding of my absence these 4+ years of medical school - thank you for always allowing me to pick up right where we left off.

"In the middle of this road we call our life,
I found myself in a dark wood, with no clear path through."
- Dante Alighieri, The Divine Comedy

Finally, after all these years of studying,
I am starting to see a shimmer of light shining through...

Ciao Carlenli

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"Excellence can only be attained if you care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible."

It is hard to imagine that these past four years have come to an end. I am extremely excited to begin the next phase of my life and am truly grateful that I have been able to accomplish something that is so important to me. Thank you Mom, Dad, and Joey for all of your support, encouragement and sense of humor. To my Grandma Babci, I truly believe that I would not be where I am today without you and all of your prayers. To my "roomies", Kriste, and The Cinco, who can always make me smile, thank you for always being there.

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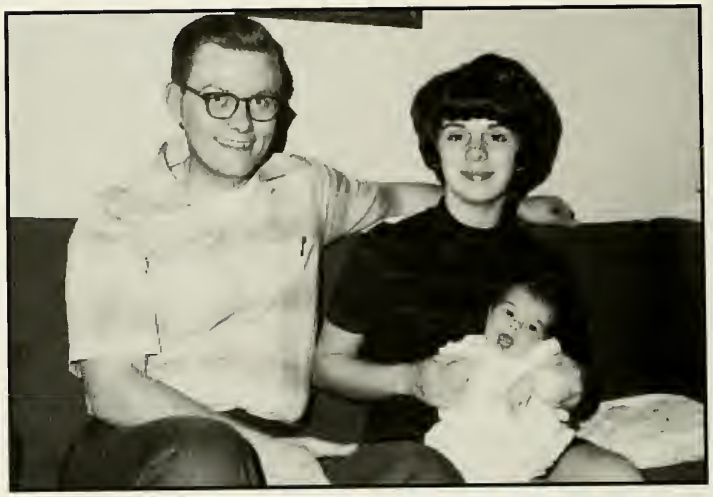
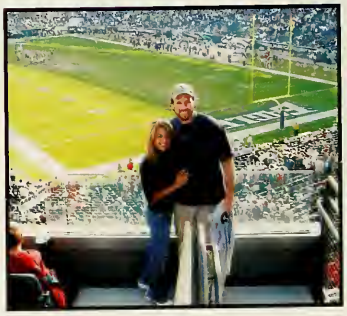


~ You pick up bits and pieces of treasure and trash, pain and pleasure, passions and disappointments, and you start throwing them in your bag, your big bag of experiences. You do some dumb things that don't work out at all. You stumble excitedly on little gems that you never saw coming. And you stuff them all in your bag. You pursue the things you love and believe in. You cast off the images of yourself that don't fit. And suddenly you look behind you and a pattern emerges.

You look in front of you and the path makes sense. There is nothing more beautiful than finding your course as you believe you bob aimlessly in the current. Wouldn't you know that your path was there all along, waiting for you to knock, waiting for you to become. This path does not belong to your parents, your teachers, your leaders, your lovers. Your path is your character defining itself more and more every day, like a photograph coming into focus.

(Jodi Foster – University of Pennsylvania)



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Mom and Dad: It seems like we just finished packing that beat-up U-Haul truck that we had to jumpstart to move to Philadelphia. You have been with me every step of the way. You were there when I, crying as loud as I could, tried to escape from pre-school. In the near-freezing temperatures with rain coming as hard as possible, you were there as we won the high school state soccer championship. Dad, you even cried with me when we put Sam to sleep. But the sweetest memory of all is today, as I finally accomplish my biggest dream, knowing that you both are still by my side. May your support and especially your prayers never end. I love you.

Jenn: So your little brother is finally a doctor. This doesn't mean you should call me every time you get a headache and ask if you should take Tylenol or Advil. But if you do, I'll still be proud of what you are doing. Thank you for your prayers. I love you.

Kim: We should get jerseys, cause we make a good team. You keep me sane. You keep me smiling. I love you baby!!

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Mom & Dad – You are my inspiration and without your help, I know I wouldn't be where I am today. I cannot thank you enough for the love and support (spiritually and financially) you have given me over the years, I love you both very much.

Greggy – Although we haven't always gotten along, I could not have asked for a better brother. I'm so glad we have grown closer these past few years.

Grandma – Without you're passion for helping others, I would not have been inspired to become a physician. Thank you for your love, support, and your faith in me.

Bernie, Bruno, Ermak, Zack, and Seena – You guys have made the last 4 years bearable and even more importantly, you've made them fun. I couldn't have gotten through school without you. I know we're all going to be great physicians!

To all my other friends and family – Thank you for all the support you've given me over the years. You've all helped make me into who I am today.

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My Family- I am so proud to call you all my family. You guys have made it easy for me through your support and example. Know that I love you and I am always here for you.

Mama- To this day you are still the wisest woman I know. Thank you for all the advice and love over the years- you have been my support in more ways than one.

Dad-Thank you for setting the example all my life- you are the best role model a son could have. From father/son nights to timely sent postcards, you have always been and continue to be my inspiration.

Ana- Throughout this journey you have been my best friend. Thank you so much for being there for me- whether it be with overcoming a challenge or just simply being there to listen. I love you and wish you the best - everything always works out perfectly!

My friends- I love you guys, you all helped make this journey the best time of my life. Between PCOM EAST and Wookie Wednesdays I could not have asked for a better group of guys. Stay in touch and I will see you all at the compound! Aaarrruuuhghghhaau!

OMMers- Thanks for making my extra year so much fun! It was a pleasure working and getting to know you all. Good luck and keep on going into the ease!

'Sometimes you're right, sometimes you're wrong-
just let your intention always be kindness'

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To my husband, Robert- I couldn't have asked for a better partner to make this journey with. You have taught me so much about myself and made my life so much richer. I'm so grateful to have such an amazing man for a husband and father to our son. I'm so proud of you and glad that we accomplished this goal together. wo ai ni

To my son, Christian- You are the biggest blessing from above and are loved beyond words. Every day you put a smile in my heart and on my face. H. Jackson Brown, Jr. once said "Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you." I love you peanut.

To Mom & Dad- Thank you for your unconditional love and support. You both pushed me when I didn't think I could push myself any further & you celebrated my achievements. You once told me that my successes are your successes too, so congratulations because I wouldn't be here without you! I love you very much!

Carey, Zach, the Luo's, & the rest of my family- My life is blessed because you are in it. Thank you & love you all!

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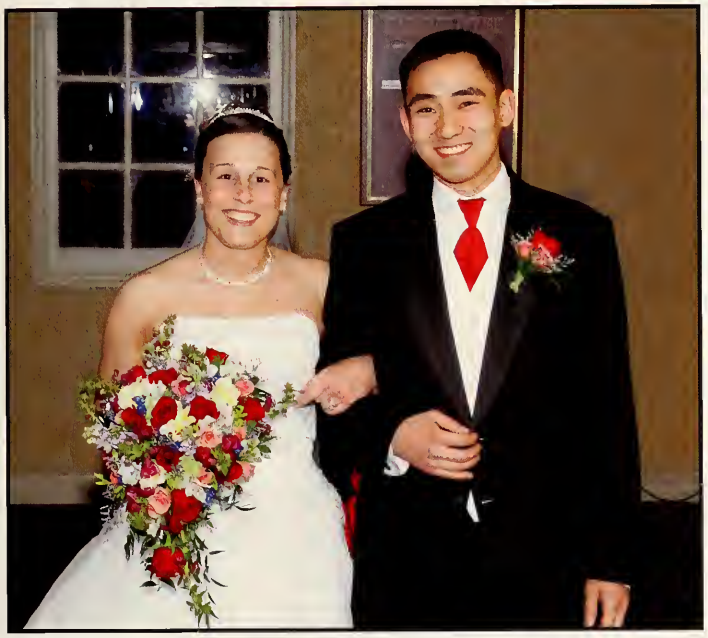

Aimee: The love of my life, my best friend, and my inspiration. Thank you for all your love, support, and most of all Christian our son. I don't know what I do without you! Good luck on your journey to become a terrific family physician. I will be there with you for every step of the way.

Mom & Dad: It takes a tremendous amount of courage, determination, and love to move half way around the world for my education and future career. We waited so long for this day… finally it is here! I thank you both for all that I have become and will be in the future. I love you guys!

Eddie: Little bro…. I'm very proud of you. You are doing exceptionally great in school and have become a wonderful young man. You have a great future ahead of you. Work hard and you will succeed.

Chrisitan: Best thing every happened to me …….. besides your mom! Can't wait until we can start working on your first car…. trust me, it's going to be a nice ride.

Rest of the family: Thank you for all your support!

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The years it took me to get here and the people that got me through.

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them."
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in, forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, you shall begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on yesterdays."
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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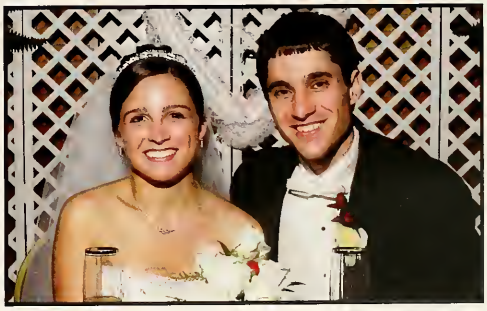

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To My Family: Thank you for being such an inspiration to me over the past four years.

Dad: Your hard work and diligence in all you do has been a wonderful example to follow. I appreciate your ability to always question and learn.

Mom: You have a special gift of interacting with people. If I can do it half as well, I'll be a great physician. Thank you for your love and unconditional support.

Ky: You are the best little sis anyone could ask for. It has been a pleasure to grow together over the last few years.

Dr. Weber: You helped me find my way to where I am today, and I am ever grateful.

"I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death."
-Thomas Paine

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To mom and dad for 24 years of love, insight, and invaluable advice.

To my grandma, may she rest in peace, I miss you more everyday.

To my sister Nisreen for sharing my journey.

To my sister Saba for showing me the humor in everything.

And to all my friends for being there every step of the way!

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This is dedicated to my parents
who have been the biggest
influence in my life.
Their love and sacrifice made
everything possible.

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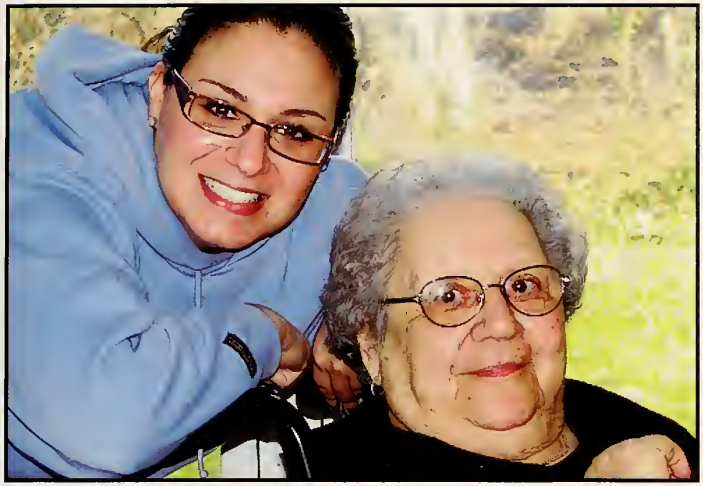

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling
but in rising every time we fall."
~Confucius

Mom, Dad and Jay…I would like to thank you for always being there for me. You have supported me with everything that I have wanted to do in life. Referring to yourselves as, "The Red Cross" you would come rescue me if I was having a bad day or cook me dinner and get groceries when I felt like I had no time. Thank you for being so supportive even when I doubted myself. To my med school girls…Thank you for being the people that I could always go to if I was having a bad day and then when I was done venting; taking me out for a drink. Finally, Mom-Mom…you were always so proud of me and I know that you are looking down on me now and probably bragging to anyone in heaven who will listen. I love you all very much.

Marissa Magid, DO

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To my family, Mom, Dad, Tsega, Abe -
Thank you for always being there for me.
You guys are the greatest!

To all my friends from medical school -
Congratulations you guys.
We made it!

And now. . .
Time for the next chapter to begin!

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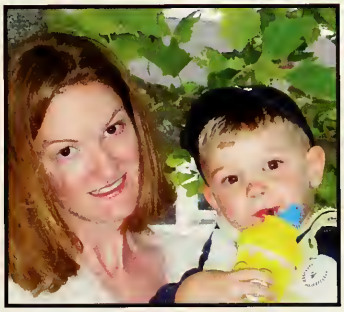

Dad: I love you!

Bonnie: Thanks for never saying no!

Mike: "I shouldn't, I can't, I won't." "You should, You can, You will." Thanks for your support of my life-long dream. I'm so glad to share it with you. I love you!

Michael: Your wink and thumbs- up has been my best inspiration. I love you!

Lisa: Thanks for always saying yes!

Ray: Still The Great.

Joyce & Beth: Thanks for the interest in my life.

Gina: Far away, but always close to listen and be my best friend! Thanks!

Jen: The coffee & bagel talks and all the work you've done to help me with this long journey…Thank you.

Hal: I'm so proud, too. But, I'm not my biggest fan…You are! Thanks!

Joe: Your breakfast conversations and text messages... kept and keep me going. Thanks!

PCOM Girls: "I didn't go to medical school to make friends" …but I'm so grateful you had intentions to make them. I got lucky. Thanks.

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Mom and Dad: Everything that I am today, along with everything that I have accomplished is because of you. I know that it has not been easy... You have stood by me through thick and thin, and never gave up on me. I appreciate all of the support you have given me, and all the sacrifices you have made. I hope I have made you proud! I love you both.

Sevi & Saky: Sevi, thank you for all your help and advice through medical school, we will always remember going through this experience together. Saky, thank you for being my best friend and for all your support through medical school. I'm proud of how successful you have become. The 3 of us have had our ups and downs, but always remember we will always be there for each other.

Giagia: Through all the hardships in your life, you have somehow managed to keep a smile on your face and always make us laugh. Your endless love and support my entire life is the greatest gift I could ask for. Se agapo "pousti mou"

Tricia: I never thought I would be saying this 4 years ago: I'm engaged! I'm grateful to have met you, and I'm excited for our future together. You will be the best mom and wife. I Love you

Friends and Family: you know who you all are. You have all helped make the past 4 year of my life the best years of my life. Thank you!

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SETH: Oh... hello there. I remember hanging your picture in my anatomy locker because it was the only thing that got me through those first few months of medical school. I love you & can't wait to spend the rest of our lives having S&C time and PPC adventures… GULLLLL!!

PRETTY MOMMY: You're the most kind-hearted, selfless person I've ever known. I truly wouldn't have made it without you. You're my mother, my best friend, my therapist, my hero, and my soulmate. Martineau girls forever!

DADDY: I think you may just be my biggest fan. I'm so lucky to have a parent who is unconditionally proud of me. Thank you for reminding me that I've "got it all". It's a cold, cruel world out there!

BROBE: You're ridiculously intelligent and I've always admired how hard you work. You're going to be such a success someday. I have no doubt you will reach all of your goals. Maybe we can go into gyn practice together!

BABY: My sister & my BFF. You always know how to put a smile on my face. You make me so proud. Always believe in yourself. There's nothing you can't do.

PCOM GIRLS: Med school sucks, thanks for dragging me through it :)

"You only get out of life what you put into it." --BSFK

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To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by
a healthy child, a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed
easier because you have lived;
This is to have succeeded.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mom and Dad - I have not the words to express my gratitude. Your unconditional love and endless support and guidance has been with me every step of this amazing journey. I am forever indebted to you both.

Doug – My everything. I can't imagine doing this without you. You make me happier than I ever thought possible. I can't wait to see what comes next.

Congratulations PCOM class of 2009!!!

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"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong.
Because someday in your life you will have been all of these."
~ George Washington Carver

"Progressive realization of worthy goals"
~ Deepak Chopra's definition of success

Mom ~ thank you for the encouragement to start this dream and the strength to follow it through to completion! You are an amazing blessing!

Dad and Sachin dada ~ thank you for your continued love and support!

Dear Friends…especially Ada, Diane, Chioma, Robyn, Shilpa, Naveen, Zakiyyah, Chiazom, Megha, Janice, Colette, Johanna, and Donnell ~ words cannot express the gratitude I hold in my heart for your sincere friendship!

Lastly, and most of all, God ~ humble appreciation for the blessings during this challenging journey! Much has been learned through the years and I pray for your continued blessings as I continue this path!

Smita Mathur, D.O.

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Surely, only few weather the storms of life without the wisdom of parents to guide them. I am certainly no exception. We all bare our own personal crosses if at least only for a little while, and my Mother and Father have undoubtedly been my Simon. They are nothing less than forever vigilant and eternally strong, not merely encouraging but enabling, and have always been at the ready over the past four years to not only provide support but inspire.

Some say that behind every great man, there is an even greater woman, a pillar upon which men rest their hopes and dreams. Diedra is the rock upon which I have built my life. All else has been but fruitless foundations upon a sea of sand. To lean on her is a blessing, but to love her has been a privilege.

Still, others say that friends are fleeting, which is most assuredly true; however, to have a true friend in a sister must fall under guise of a different saying for no matter how far we travel, we will never truly be apart.

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There was a point in time that the four years of medical school seemed like an eternity, but as I look back, those same four years seem to have passed in the blink of an eye. During those years I realized the accomplishments one can attain with a little determination, a few late nights, and a lot of love and support.

Words cannot express how grateful I am to you both mom and dad, you have been my role models and inspiration, thank you for all your encouragement and love. I want to thank my brother, my pal, for your sense of humor; our cross country phone calls are priceless and always leave me smiling. To my Nana Max, nothing makes me happier than to receive one of your letters; thank you for continuing to write throughout all four years. To Granddad and Granny- thank you for always believing in me. To my friends, thank you for all of our crazy phone calls, nights in studying and nights out partying; you have turned this journey into an adventure!

Medical school taught me that life is not about a final destination but rather enjoying the journey that takes us there! Good luck class of 2009!

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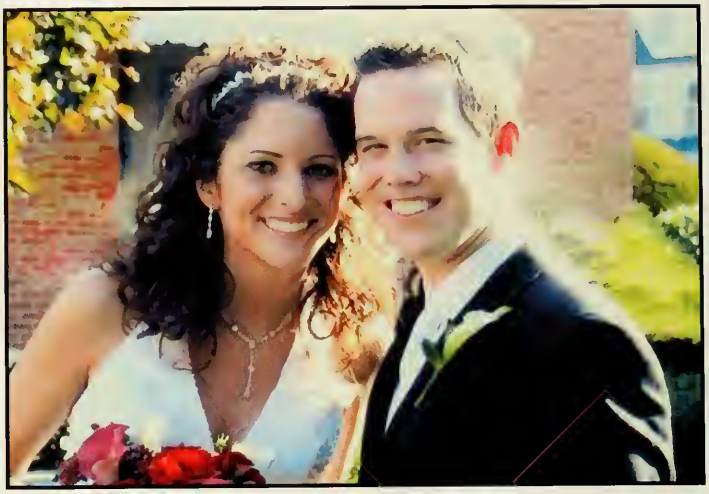

To Kev, my high school sweetheart, best friend, and love of my life: I'm so proud of you and all that we've accomplished together over the past 4 years! Thanks for being there for me every step of the way. We're closing another chapter in our lives but I can't wait to see what awaits us in the next one. I know that I can make it through anything with you by my side. You're going to be such a wonderful doctor! I love you so much!

To Mom, Dad, Mike, Antoinette, and Nana: Thank you for all of your love and support throughout my years of school! The endless amount of great food, cards, visits, and phone calls always made me feel close to home. Thanks for always believing in me and teaching me to believe in myself. Thanks for everything!

To Julie and John: Thanks for always keeping my spirits up! Pursue all of your dreams…I know you'll conquer the world!

To my friends: Thank you for making the last 4 years so wonderful! We were together through some tough times but always managed to have fun in the process! Good luck with everything you do!

Katie McHale, D.O.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2009, as well as all of your friends and families. It was an incredible ride, and I wouldn't trade a minute of my time here at PCOM for anything. You have all been an inspiring and motivating group, and simply knowing you were all travelling the same road as I encouraged me to work toward this day.

To Dad, Mom, Pat, and Kate, and all of my family, thank you for all the love and support, not just in the last four years, but throughout my life. Without all of you, medical school could not have been a possibility in my life. You all share in the joy and accomplishment of my graduation.

Most of all, I thank you, my Katie, the love of my life. I know I frequently tell you, but I would have never made it through without you. You give me a reason to wake up each day, and a reason to strive for success. We have certainly come a long way from the 10th grade! If you told me then where we would be now, I wouldn't have believed it. I love you & you will be an amazing pediatrician.

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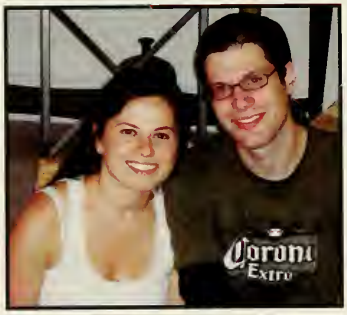

Dear Mom and Dad,

Can you believe the time has come for me to graduate from medical school? You came to America in search of a better life that offered me limitless opportunities. I watched you both work endlessly to make my life wonderful. The ice-skating lessons, the choir practices, the swimming, the horse-back riding…so many activities all the time. Through example, you have taught me about strong work ethic, love, honesty, integrity, and strength in character. Having you as parents is truly a gift. Throughout my life, I've always had the comfort of knowing that you were behind me and would be there to support me under any circumstances, which means so much to me. I cherish you and love you more than words can express.

With gratitude, appreciation, and love,
Your little girl

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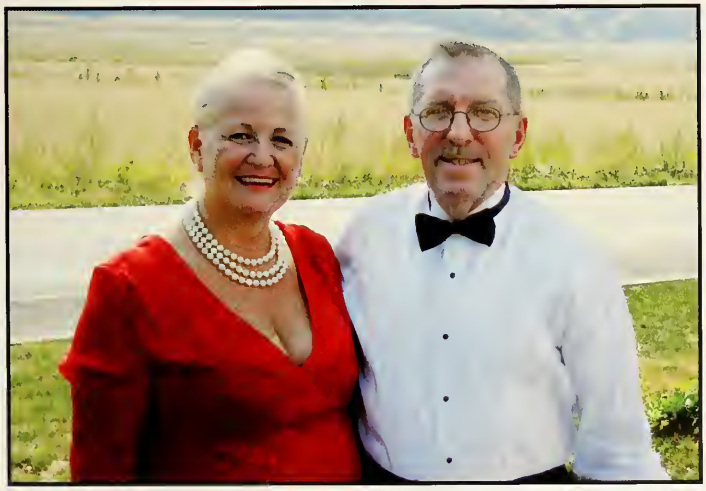

Mom and Daddy-O: I truly cannot express how grateful I am to have such amazing and loving parents. Thank you so much for your endless support and encouragement; for, without it I don't think I would have made it this far. Through it all I could always count on you to share in my joys and cheer me up in my sorrows. Thank you for doing far more for me than I could ever imagine or deserve. I love you with all my heart!

My Darling Adam-O: You have truly been a blessing in my life and I feel so proud and thankful to spend forever with you. You are my best friend and I can never thank you enough for all that you do for me. Thank you for loving and supporting me throughout this journey! I love you more and more each day!

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After 21 years of being in school, I have finally achieved my dream of becoming a doctor. I could not have done it without the love and support of the following people:

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Man is an intelligence in
servitude to his organs.
~Aldous Huxley

Our bodies communicate to us clearly and
specifically, if we are willing to listen.
~Shakti Gawain

Yet this is health: To have a body
functioning so perfectly that when its few
simple needs are met it never calls
attention to its own existence.
~Bertha Stuart Dyment

Many thanks to PCOM for its strength in
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Best of Luck to PCOM 2009!

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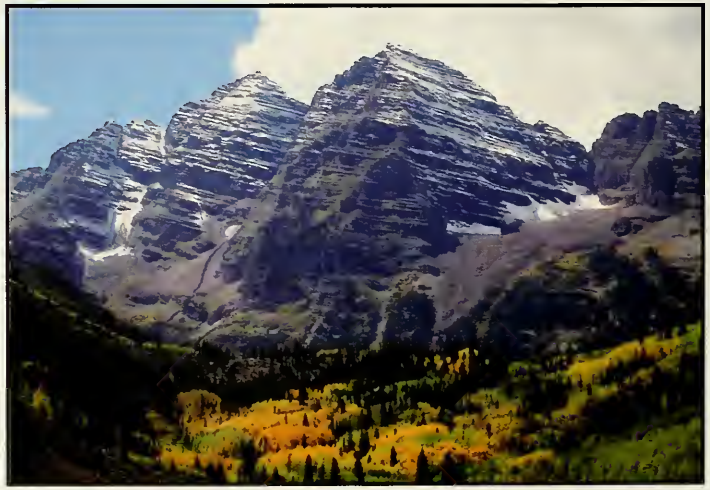

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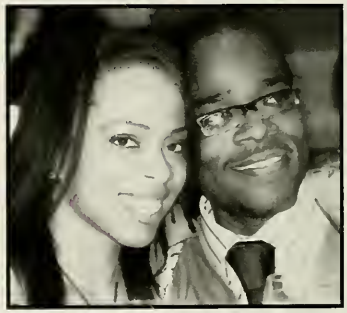

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

-Reinhold Niebuhr

Lord through hardships and struggle I've learned the true meaning of this prayer. I thank you for guidance and tremendous blessings throughout my 28 years.

-Amen

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-SNMA: Thanks for the memories, friendships, and the opportunity to serve.

-Nicco/PFH: I've seen through you, true humanitarian service. Nicco, Thanks for saving my life!!

PCOM: Peace!!

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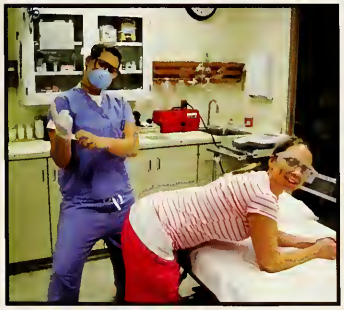

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Perseverance

If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out in the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's will.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man.
But soon or late the man who wins,
Is the man who thinks he can.

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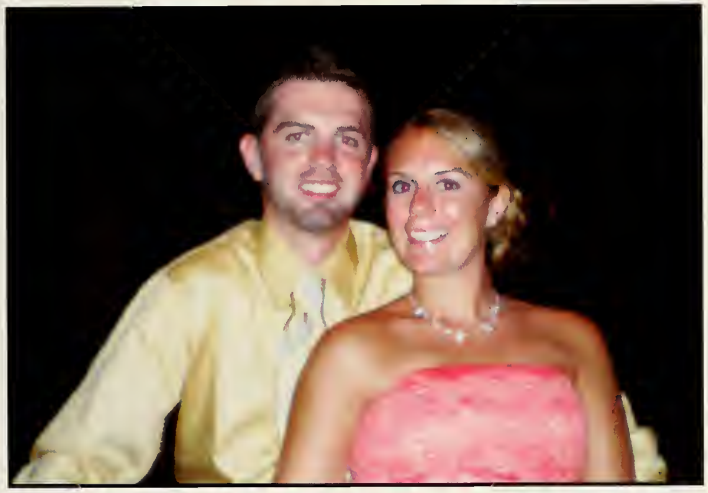

The difference between a successful
person and others is not a lack of strength,
not a lack of knowledge,
but rather a lack in will.
-Vince Lombardi

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Medical school was a roller coaster of emotions; joy, angst, elation, tension, fear, enlightenment, stress and exuberance, all of which formed a ride of feelings consisting of ups, downs and hairpin turns, culminating in an experience that would not only shape the kind of doctor I am to become, but more importantly, the kind of person that I am today.

If there is anything that my educational experience has taught me it's that there is no goal that is attainable, nor worth attaining, without the trials and tribulations that one must go through to reach it. It is not only the accomplishment, but also the adversity and the manner in which you overcome the adversity in reaching the accomplishment that builds character.

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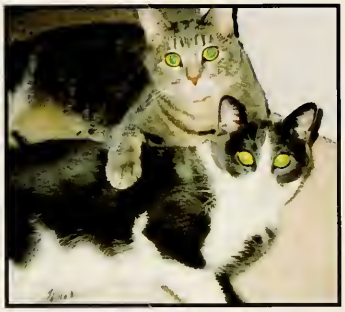

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The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.
– Eleanor Roosevelt

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To the Class of 2009: It was a pleasure learning with & from all of you. It seems like just the other day, we were all crammed into Ginsburg & now look where we are.

Congratulations and good luck.

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"Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally."
~David Frost

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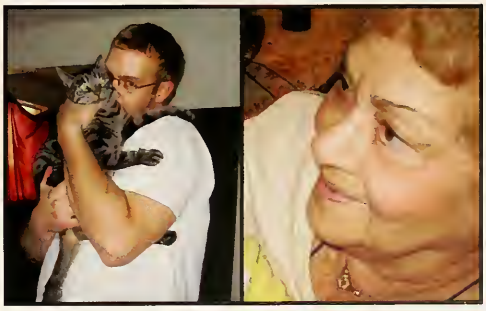

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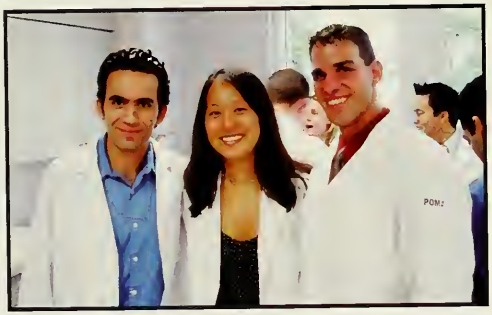

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Remember "Raise the ribs!"

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The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept
Were toiling upward in the night.
-Longfellow

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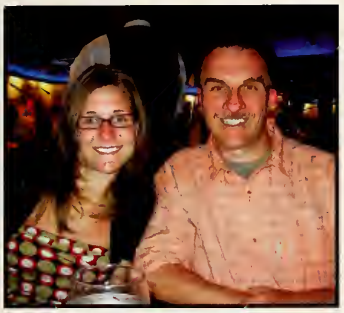

Mom & Dad: I'm completely speechless... never thought that could happen! I can't say thank you enough. You've been great supporters, and thank you for never letting me give up on my dream. I love you!

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The Fox said to the Little Prince:

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye"

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

To my daughter: I love you my pumpkin. I thank God for you and for your intelligence. You are special. Thank you for all of your patience with mommy.

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To my PCOM Family: May God bless you all and thank you for giving me a chance to shine.

To the Class of 2009 and Alumni: May God bless you in all of your future endeavors. We did it!

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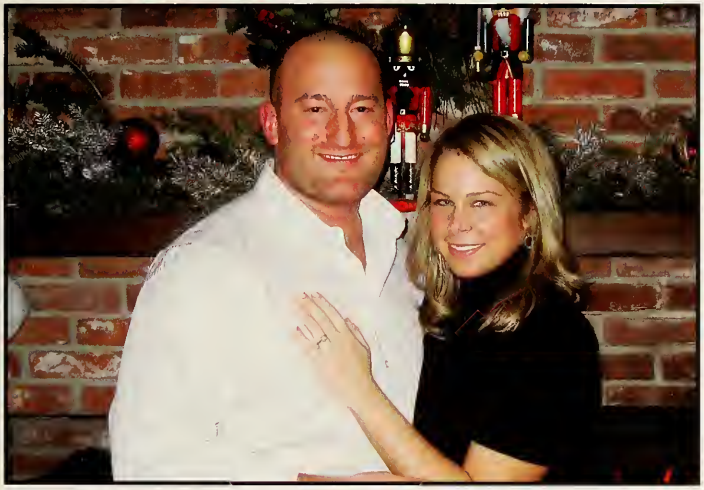

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
—Mark Twain

To My Family: Thank you for your support and encouragement through it all. Looking back, I can not deny how pivotal you were in my journey. Each of you played a role in instilling courage despite college football injuries, providing inspiration for leading service trips to Central America, and now fulfilling my dreams of becoming a doctor. And of course, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your relentless unconditional love.

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To My Present and Future Colleagues: Let us hope to never lose our compassion…

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined. —Thoreau

Micah 6:8

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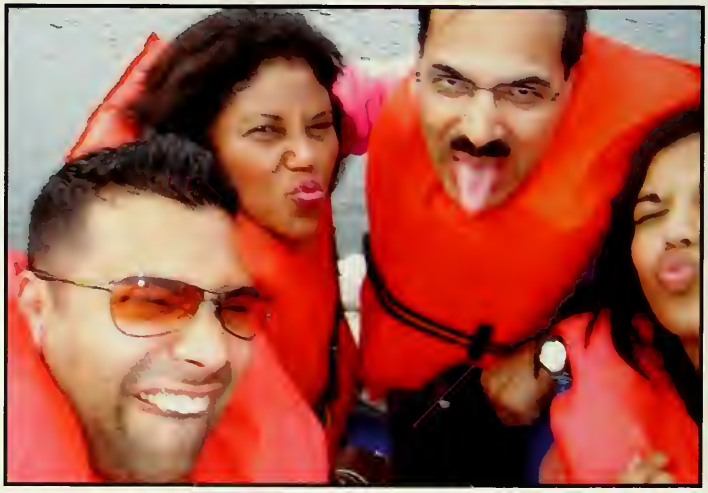
"Some people make their goals the stars, They may live and die never reaching them, but in the darkness of the night, those stars will guide them to their destination, because they put them in their sights."



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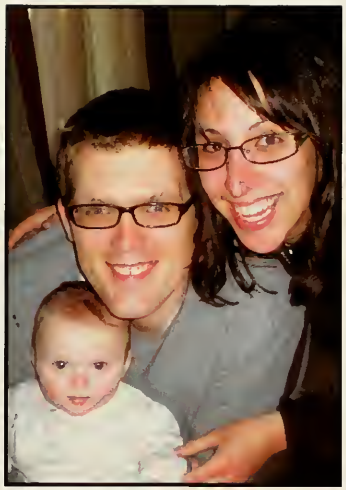

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Success

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy
child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.

-BESSIE STANLEY

I want to thank my parents and brother for their continued love and support. Without them, I would not be the person I am today. My close friends also have a special place in my heart. I appreciate you more than words can describe.

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Finally, done being a "student!!!" Done!!! It seems like just yesterday Dr. Miller was blowing us away with our first anatomy lecture on the bones of the body. I could not have made it through without the love and support of my family, friends, and most importantly Jen—thanks for putting up with me through all of this! Without you guys it would not have been possible! Best of luck to everyone.

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It seems like only yesterday that I was digging through cadavers thinking, how am I ever going to make it through four years of medical school. But time sure does fly when you're having fun! The atmosphere at PCOM is unique, and filled with many talented students eager to learn and have fun. Throughout my four years at PCOM, I've made some amazing friends. All of whom, I have no doubt, will be excellent physicians. I couldn't have chosen a better institution to study medicine, and I'm proud to have the letters D.O. following my name.

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PCOM East: The tradition continues! We've made a significant impact at PCOM, as well as other communities in and outside of Philadelphia. You all are like family, and I can only hope that future PCOM generations possess such outgoing individuals to keep the organization alive.

"Experience is not what happens to a man: it is what a man does with what happens to him." - Aldous Huxley

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"When you believe in a thing,
believe in it all the way,
implicitly and unquestionable."
Walt Disney

Thanks to my family and friends who have shown me love and support throughout the years. I am especially grateful to my parents who have given me invaluable guidance, encouragement, and compassion. Medical school has not only given me the basis for my career, but also lifelong friends and colleagues. My peers have supported me with a shoulder to lean on and have shared many laughs, memories, and life lessons.

Best wishes in your future endeavors.

"Per Ardua ad Astra"

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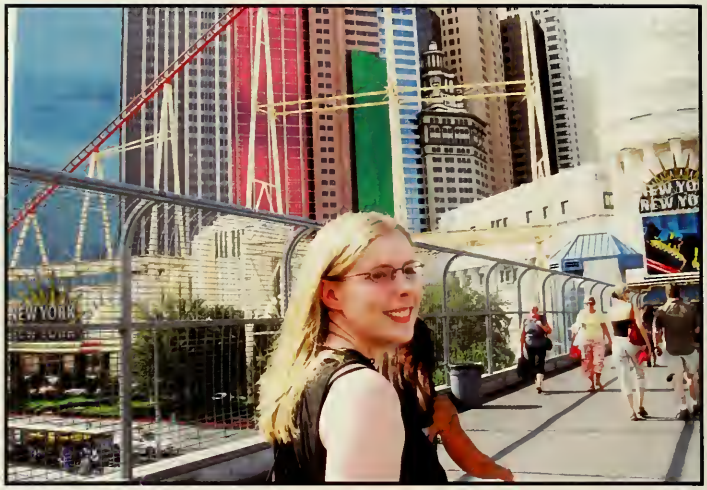

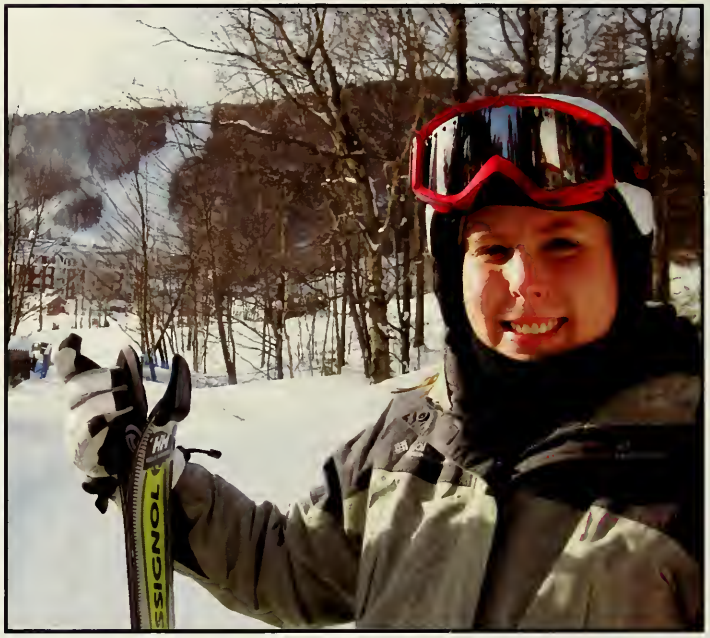

To My Classmates,

Congratulations!

Thank You – for everything, especially the small kindnesses during my first year.

Good luck to all of you and your families as you begin your internships.

I'm proud to be a PCOM Doctor, and I feel even more pride when I think about what we've accomplished.

Cheers,

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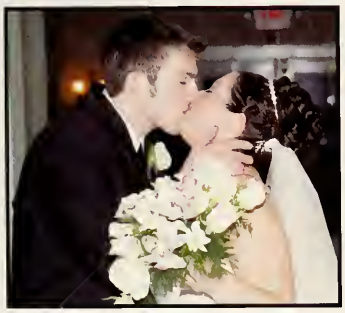
"With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable."
~T. F. Buxton



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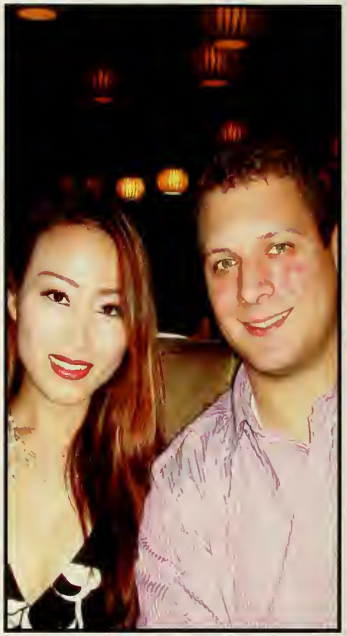

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To my classmates: Congratulations everyone, all of our hard work has finally paid off.

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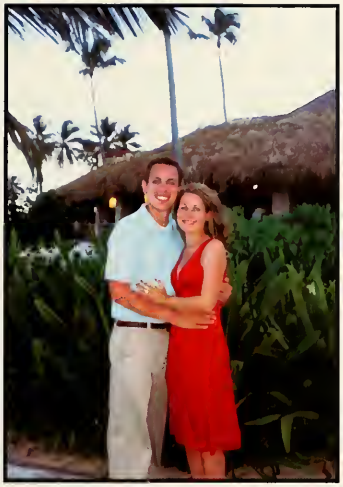

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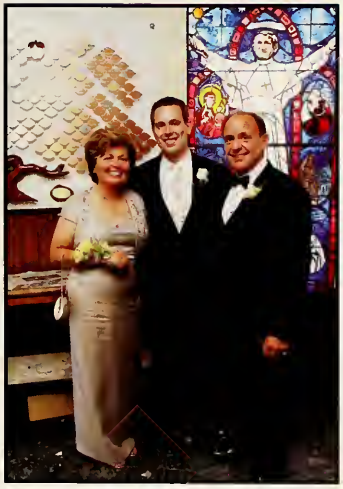

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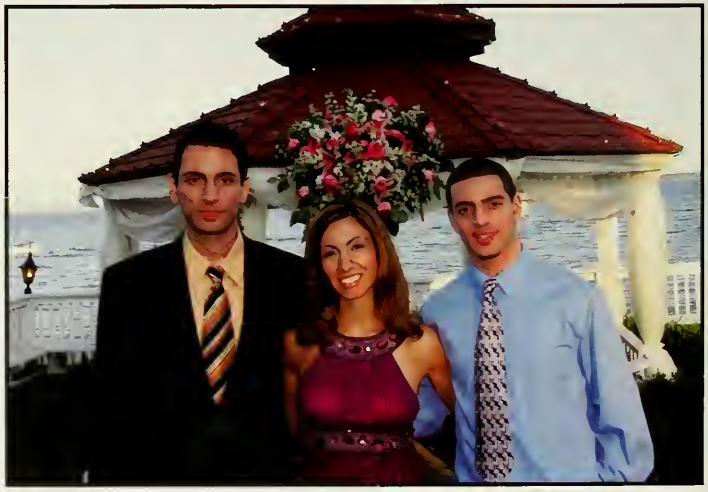

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"Gentlemen… we're history"
-Rufus

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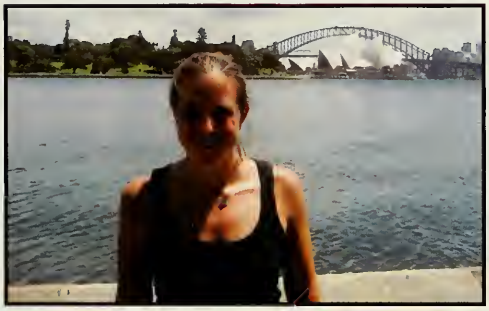

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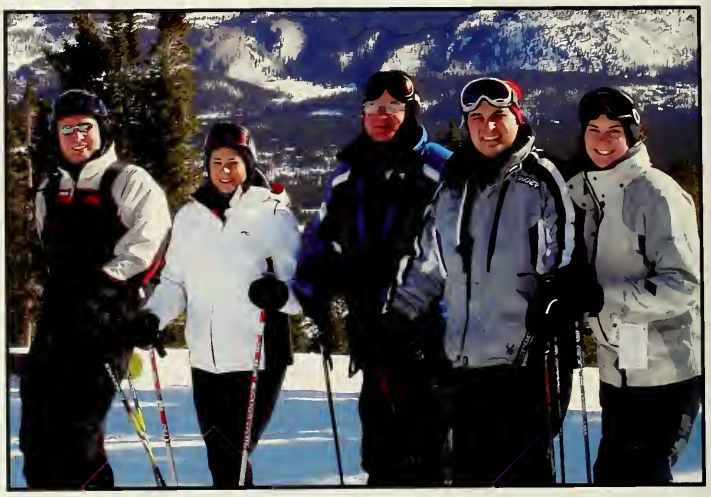

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Kurt – I admit it, I look up to my younger brother. You've succeeded at life in so many ways. We may fight and disagree at times, ok most times, but you'll always be my brother and friend.

Karin - As clichéd as it sounds, when you married my brother I feel like I gained a sister. Thank you for your help and encouragement over the past four years.

To my classmates – The past four years have gone by way too fast. I've made friends that I hope last a lifetime. From the same two people I sat next to for two years, OMM study sessions, lunchtime conversations about politics and the world, or brunch with a best friend at Sam's… thanks to all of you for the company, encouragement, friendship and memories. Congratulations and best of luck!

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
–Robert Frost

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I owe all of my success to my parents. Their hard work and sacrifice has allowed me to be in this position today. I am truly grateful and appreciative. My life is so much easier thanks to them and they should know this.

To PCOM: listen if you graduate me I promise to do OMT at least once in my life. Deal?

To my friends from PCOM: hope that made you smile.

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To my friends: Thank you for such wonderful memories and for always being there.

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Miss Deb is studying the student composite and boosting moral,

While Dr. Fogel orchestrates another candid medley of medicine blended with politics,

Classmates stay sane by playing every organized sport invented, resorting to even middle school gym class,

Parents, friends, and family greet you at each available break with hugs, handshakes, and home smells of the your old favorite dish,

They could never know what studying for step one was like,

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Your first IV from the driest nursing home resident, your first vaccination of a crying toddler, your first delivery of life, the realization of how responsible but also truly lucky we are about to be,

To have found such a fulfilling career,

It was an honor to be a classmate and I look forward to being a colleague to many of the fine individuals I have meet at PCOM.

With warm regards to the institution and those who work so hard to improve the health of everyone,

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It's getting better all the time . . .
-Lennon/McCartney

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PCOM friends,
The last four years have been some of my best, and it has been a pleasure to spend them with all of you. I am proud of how far we have all come, and can only dream about what the future holds for us. The world is truly ours…

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"Men have been taught that their first concern is to relieve the suffering of others. But suffering is a disease. Should one come upon it, one tries to give relief and assistance. To make that the highest test of virtue is to make suffering the most important part of life. Then man must wish to see others suffer – in order that he may be virtuous. Such is the nature of altruism. The creator is not concerned with disease, but with life. Yet the work of the creators has eliminated one form of disease after another, in man's body and spirit, and brought more relief from suffering than any altruist could ever conceive."
A. Rand

"Some failure in life is inevitable. It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default."
J.K. Rowling

"Joy ... an unsatisfied desire which is itself more desirable than any other satisfaction ... "
C.S. Lewis

"The great secret, you see, is not to think of yourself, of your courage or despair, of your strength or your weakness, but of Him for whom you journey."
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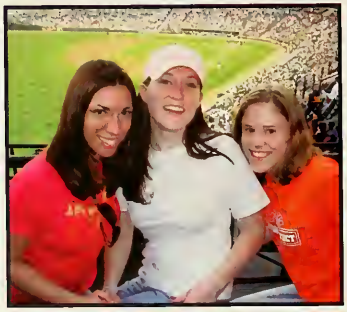

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To my class:

"With open hearts and minds, we become an inspiring light to which others are drawn. Shine brightly."

Kristina M. Thornburg, D.O.

DeSales University
B.S. Biology
Minersville, Pennsylvania

Mom & Dad - I could never think of words to express how thankful I am for the love and support you have given me. I truly appreciate the sacrifices you have made to help me succeed. Without your encouragement, I would never have made it this far.

K.J. – To my brother, you inspire me more then I will ever admit. Thanks for putting up with me!

Amie, PA-C – To the best friend a girl could ask for, we did it! Thank you so much for being there when I needed an extra push ahead, a good laugh, or, of course, a good martini!

Family and Friends – I have so many people to thank and so little space. Thank you all so much for believing in me!

PCOM friends – Congratulations to you all! Who knew med school could be so much fun?

Geisinger 8 – It has been great getting to know all of you over the last 2 years. The big G will never be the same!

Last but not least, to my grandparents, my angels. Thank you for being there with me every step of the way.

Kristina M. Thornburg D.O.

Renee Tomazic, D.O.

Villanova University
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Forest City, Pennsylvania

Mom and Dad: Thank you for your love, support, and encouragement, especially during the most difficult times.

Lisa: You are the best friend I could ever ask for. I could not have gotten through all of this without you. Thanks for being you!

Booie and Buck: Thank you for providing me with a great "comfort zone." You have taught me how to enjoy life, and I treasure all of the memories that we have shared. Love you!

Renee M Tomazic DO

Jonathan D. Trager, D.O.

McGill University, B.A. Psychology
York College of Pennsylvania, B.S. Biology
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

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Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

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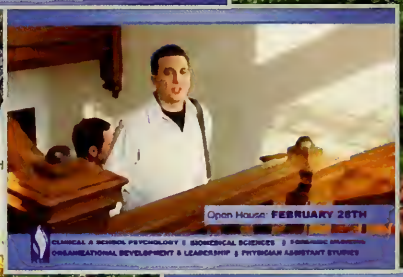


EMERGENCY

Mark A. Troiano, D.O.

Northeastern University
B.S. Behavioral Neuroscience
Northport, New York

Vaneesha Vallabh, D.O.

Ursinus College
B.S. Exercise & Sport Science
East Norriton, Pennsylvania

To My Parents: Thank you for always supporting and encouraging my goals and dreams. Thank you for teaching me that life is an adventure that may not always go as planned, but by facing every problem head on, I can overcome any obstacle in my road. Most important thank you for being the best parents I could have ever hoped for.

To my husband: Thank you for always standing by my side, encouraging my dreams no matter how far reached they may be at times. For loving me through the good times, hard times and everything in between that life has thrown our way.

To my brother: Thank you for always making me see that there is a bright side to every situation.

To my friends: It has been a great four year, I could not have done it without you!

"Life is too short to wake up with regrets.
So love the people who treat you right.
Forget about the ones who don't.
Believe everything happens for a reason.
If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands.
If it changes your life, let it.
Nobody said life would be easy,
they just promised it would be worth it"

Vaneesha Vallabh, D.O

Kristin Jo Anne Varacalli, D.O.

The Ohio State University, B.A. Italian
University of Michigan, M.P.H.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Mom, Dad, and Lauren,--Thank you, thank you, thank you. Through all of these years, you have motivated, encouraged, loved, and supported me. Without you, I would never have made it. I am unsure how I can ever say thank you enough for everything you have done and sacrificed, and I am beyond grateful.

To my friends--some of us met on the first day, other friendships blossomed over time. Little did I know how much our friendship would grow over studying, dinners and gatherings, and many glasses of wine. I am so fortunate to have such amazing people in my life, and can not imagine these last four years without you. Thank you.

"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children.
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends.
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others.
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition.
To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded"
-Emerson

Moncy Varkey, D.O.

LaSalle University
B.A. Biology
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

There's no other way to explain the feeling of finally becoming a doctor, because the work and love of so many people went into this degree. This dream began with my parents coming to this country with very little in their pockets but hearts filled with hope. They have always supported my aspirations, so to you, mummy and dad, thank you for being the best parents I could ask for. Along with them come by brothers who for so many years have pushed me along; there have been some long nights at the diner and frustrating days along this journey; so to Vincy, Manoj and James, I want to say thank you. Finally, I need to thank my beautiful Nancy who has been with me through the hardest part of my career; it is truly a privilege to be your husband and I hope our life together is a reminder of how much I love you. Life has taught me that the greatest achievements come with difficult sacrifices; this degree is a testament to those sacrifices and the fact that the love of many people can make any dream come true.

Douglas Ryan Weber, D.O.

The Pennsylvania State University
B.S. Science & Life Science
Patton, Pennsylvania

D.O.

Jessica B. White, D.O.

Barnard College & Columbia University
B.A. Psychology
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My parents: Thank you for your unwavering support, constantly reinforcing the importance of an education and just believing from day one that I could do it. I am forever indebted to you.

My sisters: Thank you for everything!

To my nieces and nephew: I hope that I have inspired you all to believe in yourself and demonstrated to you that with hard work and dedication your dreams can become reality.

Stacey, LaMoy and Erica: We have all been through so much during these past four years. However, I am glad that these experiences have done nothing but strengthen our friendship. You guys are the best! Thank you for your support, believing in me, and always looking out for me whether I was in need emotionally or financially!

My PCOM friends: especially Christie, Veronica and Selase. I could not have done it without you guys. Thank you for the memories, providing a listening ear and the laughs.

Friends: both old and new, there are too many of you to name individually but you are very much appreciated.

Grandmother- If it were not for the many sacrifices you made deciding to come to America, to provide your family with a better future, I would not be here today!

I would like to dedicate this to my brother, godmother and pre-med advisor-
three people who departed this earth way too soon,
but continue to live on in my heart.

Jessica White D.O.

Kelly E. Williams D.O.

Franklin & Marshall College
B.A. Neuroscience
Forty Fort, Pennsylvania

Mom and Dad-
Words cannot express how sincerely thankful I am for these twenty-seven years of support. Your example has prepared me, your unselfishness and generosity astound me, and your conviction drives me.

Holly, Ryan, and family-
The older I get, the more and more fortunate I feel to have the family I do. You've helped me to maintain perspective, remain grounded, and remind me that it will always feel special comin' home.

Grandma-
Not a day goes by where I don't think of you, and wish you could be here (although I know you are) to see me reach the dream you helped me to hold.

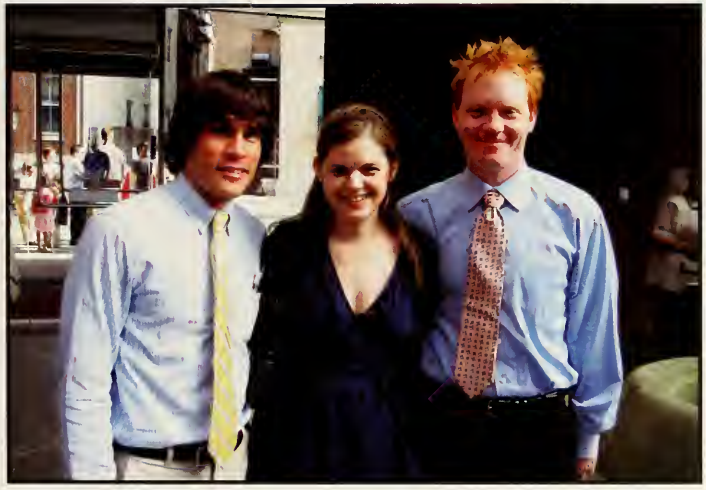
Steve-
I am continually humbled by the person you are and the brightness you bring to the world around you. With you, every day is a scavenger hunt, every stress becomes an adventure, and every moment becomes a little more colorful. Cheers, mi amor.

H-2-the-izzle and close friends-
It has become difficult to imagine medical school without you. We've helped each other through some tough times and made so many wonderful memories along the way. Thank you for your friendship, I feel privileged to be walking into medicine with you.

Kelly Williams DO

Lara Williams D.O.

Wheaton College
B.A. Philosophy
Palo Alto, California



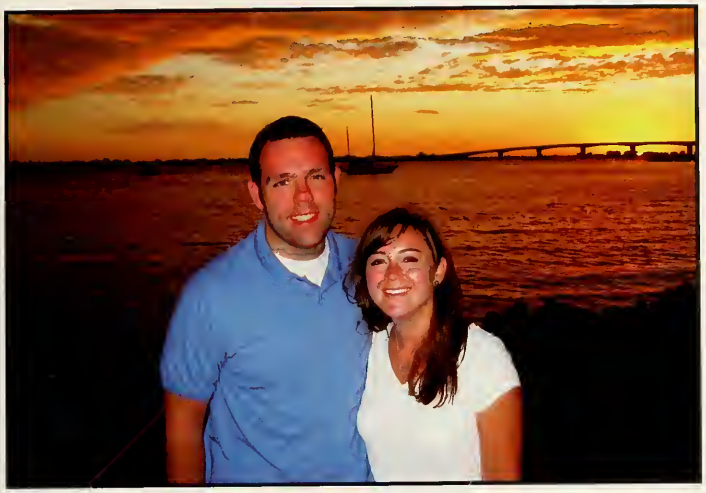
Lara Williams, DO

S. Jeffrey Yakish, D.O.

The Pennsylvania State University
B.S. Biology
Rochester, Pennsylvania

Medical school has been quite an experience, and I can't quite believe it's about to come to an end. Starting with the parties after anatomy exams, to the anticipation/anxiety of upcoming residency, so many things have happened in these short 4 years for which I am grateful. First off my marriage to my beautiful wife Lori, to the many quality people I have met and become friends with, and of course the 2 Pittsburgh Steelers super bowl victories. I not only leave with these great memories, but I depart with a sense of pride for what the PCOM student body has stood for. I am grateful for the opportunities that PCOM has provided for me, and feel confident that we all will have a positive influence in the medical community.

S. Jeffrey Yakish D.O.



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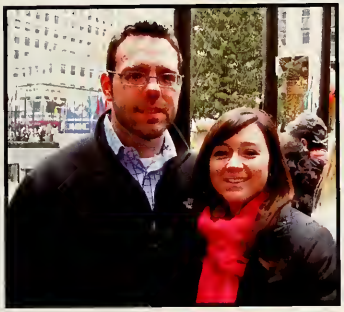


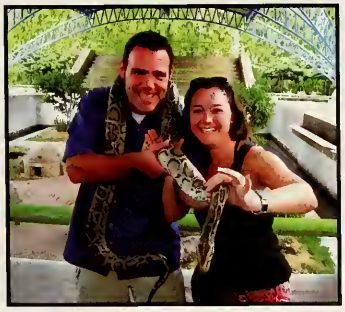
Erin - Thanks for being my partner during this journey; I know we can tackle any obstacle when we are together. Thank you for all you have sacrificed, especially the long days and sleepless nights. I appreciate all your patience, chocolate chip cookies, and most importantly your love. Your support and love has made my dream come true. I am blessed to have you as my colleague, best friend, and wife. I love you with all my heart!

Mom and Dad - Your love is unparallel. You have taught me so much that has made me the person and physician I am. I know life can be full of challenges but, you gave me the "tools" to tackle any challenge I face and succeed. I only hope Erin and I can be as wonderful parents to our children as you were to Jen and me. I could not ask for greater parents or role models!

Jen - I am lucky to have you as my sister, love you Nenny Girl!

Family and Friends - Your support, understanding, and love helped me get to where I am today. I could not have done it without you.

PCOMers - You guys rock! Together we made med school fun and exciting. Best wishes to all!



B. K. Y. D.O.

Christopher D. Young, D.O.

The Pennsylvania State University
B.S. Pre-Medicine
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

To my family: I couldn't possibly be where I am today without the unconditional love and support you have shown me. I cannot begin to explain how grateful I am to have such a wonderful family and I hope that I can someday repay you for all you have done for me. I love all of you more than you will ever know.

To my friends: The past few years have gone by so fast and it's you I have to thank for keeping me sane throughout this whole process. I consider it an honor to have watched you all grow into such talented physicians and am extremely excited to see what the future holds for all of you.

Christopher D. Young D.O.

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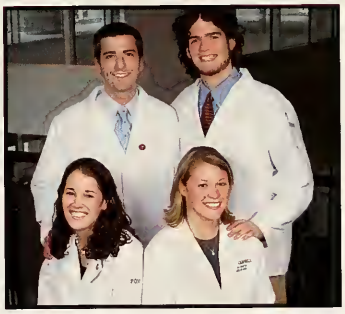

Kelli Young D.O.

Patricia M. Yunger, D.O.

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B.S. Psychology
Bethesda, Maryland

Patricia M Yunger

James C. Zwanch, D.O.

The Pennsylvania State University
B.S. Pre-Medicine
Scranton, Pennsylvania

I've grown so much over the past four years, and I couldn't have done it without the help of my family and friends.

A special thanks goes out to Karen and Lulu for keeping me sane during the tough times.

There are three rules that I live by: never get less than twelve hours sleep; never play cards with a guy who has the same first name as a city; and never get involved with a woman with a tattoo of a dagger on her body. Now you stick to that, and everything else is cream cheese.

Good Luck Class of 2009.

J.C. Zwanch D.O.

Additional Graduates

Shannon Alsop, D.O.

Anna Kernytsky, D.O.

Kevin Mangone, D.O.

Stephanie Maruca, D.O.

Elizabeth Metrovich, D.O.

Daniel Natkiel, D.O.

Brian Pryor, D.O.

Olha Smolynets, D.O.

Frank Sperrazza, D.O.

Julian Uselman, D.O.

Mark Backeris, D.O.

Caroline Biswanger, D.O.

Adam Buerk, D.O.

Edward Caldwell, D.O.

Brian Cooper, D.O.

Samantha Cunningham, D.O.

Daniel Fabius, D.O.

Sean Flynn, D.O.

Daniel Hwang, D.O.

David Ko, D.O.

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Sergio Martinez, D.O.

Richard Menzel, D.O.

Megan Miller, D.O.

Jim Nguyen, D.O.

Brenda Park, D.O.

Sangyoon Shin, D.O.

Mark Tratenberg, D.O.

Matthew Voltz, D.O.

Brian Wellington, D.O.

Awards & Scholarships

MASON W. PRESSLY MEMORIAL AWARD
This medal, in memory of the co-founder of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is presented to the student who is recognized by students, faculty and administration as "Student D.O. of the Year." The recipient is honored for outstanding achievement and service to the College, the community and the osteopathic profession:

Helen Chang 2009

THE DR. ETHEL D. ALLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded each year in memory of Dr. Ethel D. Allen, a 1963 graduate of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, by the William Penn Foundation to a first-year female, minority medical student:

Jovan Adams 2006
Monique Gary 2006

THE GINA F. SIMELARO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to a fourth-year student who is a parent and has shown evidence of academic excellence and financial need:

Emilia Adah 2008

THE RICHARD E. COLARUSSO, D.O. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to a third- or fourth-year student who has shown evidence of academic excellence, demonstrated financial need, and is a resident of Lackawanna or Luzerne County:

Jeffrey Gillette 2007

THE LEONARD P. HARMAN, D.O. SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded each year to a married student who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need:

Ancy Skariah 2007
Christopher Alexander 2008

THE BERNARD F. MASTER, D.O. '66 SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded each year to a member of the fourth-year class who plans to practice primary care medicine in an urban, medically underserved area:

Larissa Laskowski 2008

THE LOUISA B. SMITH, D.O. SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded each year to a female medical student who expresses an interest in the osteopathic concept:

Kelli Young 2007

STUDENT SERVICE AWARD
Awarded to a second-year student in recognition of outstanding service to fellow students, College, and community:

Christopher Gallus 2007

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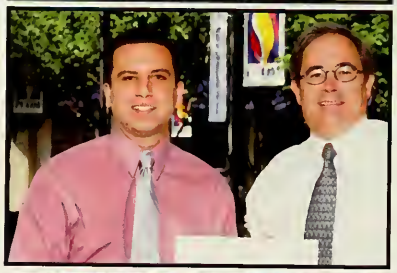

CLASS OF 1996 SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was established by the Class of 1996 in memory of Michelle M. Andrews, David M. Atlas, Jr., and Joseph R. Krobert who passed away while enrolled at PCOM:

Joshua Long 2007

J. SYDNEY HOFFMAN MEMORAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded to a second-year student who places in the top five of the class, D.O.cuments financial need and demonstrates leadership qualities as shown by involvement in extracurricular activities:

Richard Mengel 2006

CLASS OF 2003 MEMORIAL AWARD
Established in memory of Matthew Antrobus and Behrang Emami by the Class of 2003, this award is given to a second-year medical student who is either a member of the Christian Medical Society or participated in the Follies:

Pamela Tipler 2007

SARA AND BENJAMIN LINCOW PAIN MANAGEMENT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
Established by Arnold S. Lincow, D.O. '76 and his family, in memory of his parents, this scholarship is awarded to a second- or third-year medical student who exhibits a professional commitment in the area of pain management:

Michael Lowney 2007
Lucy Safi 2007
Danielle Campbell 2008
Bernard Ciongoli 2008

NICHOLAS S. NICHOLAS, D.O. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded to a fourth-year student who has shown high academic achievement in osteopathic manipulative medicine and excellent physician/patient communication skills:

Danielle Campbell 2007
Michael Lowney 2007
Kristofer Feeko 2008
Kelli Young 2008

LEWIS M. YUNGINGER, D.O. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded to a third- or fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated academic excellence by placing in the top ten percent of the class at the completion of the second year:

Eugene Haas 2008

JAY R. ROSAN, D.O. '71 PHILADELPHIA FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP
Established by Dr. Rosan, this scholarship benefits inner city disadvantaged students attending medical school:

Monique Gary 2005
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THE RUTH AND IRVING KORNBERG INTERNAL MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP
Established by Bruce Kornberg, D.O. '78, in honor of his parents, this scholarship is awarded annually to a third-year medical student who shows the greatest interest in pursuing a career in internal medicine:

Gadi Arzanipour 2008

THE JOANNE PIERINGER, PH.D. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established to honor JoAnne Pieringer, Ph.D., an outstanding PCOM educator, researcher and community advocate, this scholarship is awarded to a student with a strong interest in scientific research or demonstrates intellectual curiosity and concern for others within and beyond the PCOM community:

Monique Gary 2007

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF PCOM SCHOLARSHIP
Established with donations to The PCOM Mission capital campaign by theAlumni Association of PCOM, graduates and friends of the College, this scholarship is awarded to second-year medical students who place in the top 15 percent of their class academically, participate in Student Government and/or extracurricular activities, and demonstrate financial need:

Brian Cooper 2007
Amy Curry 2007
Hareth Madhoun 2007
Jennifer Nguyen 2007
Robert Palermo 2007
Henna Qureshi 2007

JOSEPH A. LaCAVERA, Jr., D.O. '44 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in memory of Joseph A. LaCavera, Jr., D.O., Class of 1944, to provide financial assistance to a medical student with an identified physical disability:

Alyson Fincke 2006
Amal Salloum 2008

PCOM RUGBY SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded to a student each year who must be in good academic standing, has demonstrated financial need, and is an active member of the male or female PCOM Rugby Football Club:

Danielle Campbell 2007
David Ermak 2007
Brian Schwab 2008

DR. CORINNE SANTERIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN PEDIATRICS
Established in memory of Corinne Santerian, D.O. '87, by her family, this scholarship is awarded to a second-, third- or fourth-year medical student who has financial need and who has shown interest in a career in pediatrics:

Emily Bray 2008

FIVE BROTHERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established by the late Harry Ginsburg, D.O. '42, in memory of his five brothers: Herman, Morris, Louis, Joseph, D.O. '53, and Abraham, D.O. '53, this award seeks to provide financial assistance to a second-year osteopathic medical student who places in the upper one-third of the class and who demonstrates financial need:

Amanda Schell 2006

Awards & Scholarships

MORTON E. TERRY, D.O. '45 MEMORIAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award is given in memory of Dr. Terry, a leading educator and imaginative community leader who founded the Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine. A gift of the Zedeck Family Foundation, it is given to a second-year student in recognition of outstanding service to fellow students, College and community:

Christopher Gallus 2007

THE MARTHA AND MICHAEL J. AVALLONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established by Michael F. Avallone, Sr., D.O. '59, in memory of his parents, this scholarship is awarded annually to either second- or third-year medical students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and future potential as osteopathic physicians, have a disabled or deceased parent and are residents of Pennsylvania:

Ellen Mangin 2007

THE RUSSELL C. McCAUGHAN EDUCATIONAL FUND
This scholarship is presented annually to a second-year student who has shown outstanding capabilities and strong motivation in osteopathic philosophy during his or her first year:

Ryan Reber 2006

THE ANGUS GORDON CATHIE, D.O. '31 SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUST
Nominations are presented by the chairs of the departments of anatomy and osteopathic manipulative medicine to the board of the Dr. Angus GorD.O.n Cathie Scholarship Fund Trust. Student selection is based on excellence in academics and interest in anatomy and osteopathic manipulative medicine:

Charles Yourshaw 2007

WILLIAM F. DAIBER, D.O. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in memory of Dr. Daiber with a gift by a childhood friend, this scholarship is awarded to a second-year D.O. student in good academic standing with demonstrated financial need.

Adam Dore 2007

DR. FREDERIC H. BARTH SCHOLARSHIP
Established in memory of Dr. Barth, President of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2956 to 1974, this scholarship is awarded to a second-year D.O. student in good academic standing:

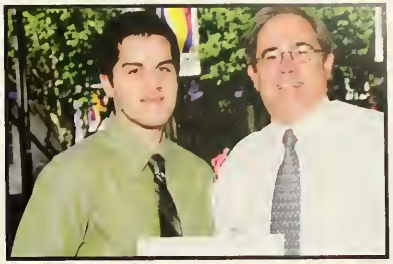
Eugene Haas 2006

PARKVIEW HOSPITAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established by the physicians of Parkview Hospital, upon its closing, this scholarship is awarded to a second-, third-, or fourth-year student who was raised and attended high school in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, or Delaware County, and who demonstrates financial need and academic excellence:

Eugene Haas 2006
Robert Palermo 2008

MARY F. T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in memory of Mrs. Conroy by her family, this scholarship is awarded to a fourth year-female osteopathic medical student who has demonstrated financial need and shows the greatest interest in pursuing a career in Internal Medicine:

Waed Jarjous 2008



THE LAMBDA OMICRON GAMMA SCHOLARSHIP
The Lambda Omicron Gamma (LOG) Scholarship is presented to a second, third or fourth year D.O. student who best exemplifies LOG's history and mission. Selection of the recipient is based on leadership qualities within the PCOM community as well as interest in and involvement with the external community:

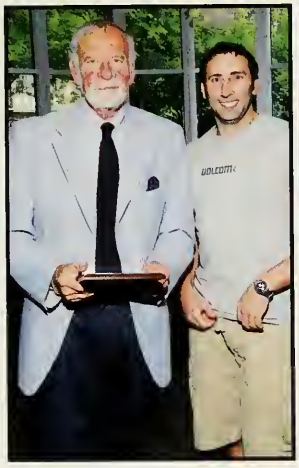
Emily Dilzer 2008

REBECCA PARK MEMORIAL AWARD
Established in memory of Rebecca Park, a PCOM student who died during her fourth year, this scholarship is presented to the student who most closely reflects the qualities that Rebecca brought to the profession:

Justin Costa 2008

THE JESSIE YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in memory of Mrs. Young, the late wife of the College's Chancellor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, the late Galen S. Young, D.O., the scholarship is awarded to a second-year student enrolled in the D.O. program, who exhibits strong osteopathic manipulative technical skills and financial need:

Ryan Reber 2006
Kristina Thornburg 2007



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